

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Commission)	
Investigation of the Gas Pipeline System)	DOCKET PG-110039
of the City of Buckley)	ORDER 01
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)	ORDER ACCEPTING
)	AGREEMENT AND CLOSING
)	DOCKET
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BACKGROUND

- 1 This docket involves an inspection by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) of the gas pipeline owned and operated by the City of Buckley in July 2013. Commission Staff (Staff) conducted the inspection.
- 2 After completing its inspection, Staff sent an Inspection Report to the City of Buckley on August 15, 2013, alleging a probable violation of Commission statutes and rules. The City of Buckley provided a written response to the report on August 29, 2013.
- 3 The City of Buckley and Staff subsequently reached an agreement to resolve the issues in this docket. On September 27, 2013, the City of Buckley and Staff filed a Stipulated Agreement to Close Docket (Agreement). The Agreement is attached to this Order as an appendix. The Agreement states that it is subject to Commission approval and is not effective until it is approved by the Commission. Failure by the City of Buckley to comply with the Agreement or the order may result in the Commission invoking its authority to assess penalties for violations of statutes, rules and orders.
- 4 The Commission has reviewed the Agreement and the Commission concludes the Agreement represents an appropriate way to address the issues in this docket, including compliance and specific steps for the City of Buckley to take to improve its gas pipeline and practices.
- 5 The Agreement is in the public’s interest because it helps ensure compliance with applicable pipeline safety rules.

6 Therefore, the Commission approves the Agreement, and closes this docket.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 7 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State
of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the safety of gas
pipeline companies. RCW 81.88.040 and RCW 81.88.065.
- 8 (2) The City of Buckley is a “gas pipeline company” because it is a city owning,
controlling, operating, or managing gas plant in the state of Washington.
- 9 (3) Commission Staff conducted an inspection of the City of Buckley’s gas pipeline
system in Buckley, Washington in this docket.
- 10 (4) After reviewing the Agreement entered into between the City of Buckley and
Commission Staff, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the
Agreement represents an appropriate resolution of the issues raised by the inspection
in this docket, it is in the public interest, and the Commission should approve the
Agreement and close the docket.
- 11 (5) The effective date of the Agreement is the date of this Order.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 12 (1) The Agreement between the City of Buckley and Commission Staff filed on
September 27, 2013, is approved, and this docket is closed.
- 13 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the City of Buckley
to effectuate the terms of this Order, including enforcement of the Agreement, if
necessary.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective October 10, 2013.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary