

October 20, 2004

Teresa Silcox Torrey  
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Williams Northwest Pipeline Corporation  
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Salt Lake City, UT 84108-1220

Re: Petition for Refund  
Docket No. P-040865

Dear Ms. Torrey:

The Commission on October 13, 2004, received your amended protest and request for refund of a portion of William's regulatory fee for 2004.

Pursuant to the authority contained in WAC 480-93-240(5), the Commission has delegated to the undersigned the authority to resolve the matter administratively on the Commission's behalf, subject to its ultimate approval, as expressed in the attached statement of delegation.

We will be speaking with you shortly to explore any necessary meeting or process arrangements. I look forward to working with Williams to resolve the issues raised in your petition.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN  
Executive Secretary

Attachment

**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO RESOLVE DISPUTE**  
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Northwest Pipeline Corporation, also known as Williams Northwest Pipeline, filed with the Commission on October 13, 2004, an amended petition for refund of a portion of its 2004 regulatory fee, pursuant to the process identified in RCW 80.24.040(7) and WAC 480-93-240(5).

The Commission anticipates that the issues may be resolved administratively. To that purpose and pursuant to the authority set out in WAC 480-93-240(5), the Commission hereby delegates to the Commission's Executive Secretary the authority to resolve the matter administratively, subject to the ultimate approval of the Commission.

The Commission's Executive Secretary is hereby directed to pursue administrative resolution, whose terms shall be subject to the Commission's ultimate administrative approval. In the event that it appears to the Commission Executive Secretary that administrative resolution is not achievable, she is directed to return the matter to the Commission to be set for adjudication.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this 20th day of October, 2004.

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner