# BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Inspection of the	)	DOCKET PG-110017
Georgia-Pacific Camas Mill Pipeline	)	ORDER 01
	) ) )	ORDER ACCEPTING AGREEMENT AND CLOSING DOCKET
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### **BACKGROUND**

- This docket involves an inspection by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) of the gas pipeline owned and operated by Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products (Camas) LLC (Georgia-Pacific) in Camas, Washington in July 2011. Commission Staff (Staff) conducted the inspection.
- After completing its inspection, Staff sent an Inspection Report to Georgia-Pacific on September 20, 2011, alleging several probable violations of Commission statutes and rules and identifying certain areas of concern. Georgia-Pacific provided written responses to the report on October 21, 2011, January 18, 2012 and January 27, 2012. In addition, Staff filed a Status Report on July 17, 2012, which updated the status of Staff's allegations and compliance by Georgia-Pacific.
- Georgia-Pacific and Staff subsequently reached an agreement to resolve the issues in this docket. On July 17, 2012, Georgia-Pacific 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 Georgia-Pacific 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.
- The Commission has reviewed the Agreement (which includes Appendix A thereto) and the Commission concludes the Agreement represents an appropriate way to address the issues in this docket, including compliance and the specific steps for Georgia-Pacific 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 and requires additional safety measures where appropriate.
- 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) Georgia-Pacific is a gas pipeline company operating in the state of Washington and subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 9 (3) Commission Staff conducted an inspection of Georgia-Pacific's gas pipeline system in Camas, Washington in this docket.
- 10 (5) After reviewing the Agreement entered into between Georgia-Pacific 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 (6) The effective date of the Agreement is the date of this Order.

## **ORDER**

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 12 (1) The Agreement between Georgia-Pacific and Commission Staff filed on July 17, 2012, is approved, and this docket is closed.
- 13 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Georgia-Pacific to effectuate the terms of this Order, including enforcement of the Agreement, if necessary.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective August 9, 2012.

## WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner