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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Complainant,)	
v.	}	
Olympic Pipe Line Company, Inc.)	
Respondent.	Ś	

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June 10, 2002

Mr. Robert C. Batch President Olympic Pipe Line Company Suite 270 2201 Lind Avenue, SW Renton, WA 98055

Dear Mr. Batch:

I am writing to thank you for the help you have offered on my pipeline safety legislation pending in Congress and to encourage your further efforts at ensuring the safe operation of our nation's critical pipeline infrastructure.

You and I have talked periodically about the investments your team has made to improve pipeline safety, to get the pipeline restarted so there can be less truck and barge traffic carrying liquid fuel in the Puget Sound region, and to rebuild public confidence in the operation of the pipeline. Those efforts have begun the process of restoring public confidence in the Olympic Pipe Line Company.

In an effort to stabilize Olympic's finances and enable the company to continue its safety investment program, I understand approval for a requested rate increase is now being considered by federal and state regulators. Further, I understand that the requested rate increase would have a negligible impact on consumers.

Promoting the public interest is an important goal of government regulation. While, it is not my role to get involved in debates about regulatory accounting, in the aftermath of the Bellingham tragedy, I think all Washingtonians view pipeline safety as a critical public interest consideration.

There is a strong connection between the pipeline safety legislation pending before the Congress, new federal and state safety regulations, and your company's safety investment program. I assume that all parties agree that safety is of paramount importance and acknowledge that safety is not free. I hope that all those who benefit from a safe and fully-operational pipeline will come together to support an outcome that will enable the company to continue its ongoing safety investment program without interruption.

Sincerely,

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Robert C. Batch President Olympic Pipe Line Company 2201 Lind Avenue SW, Suite 270 Renton, Washington 98055

Dear Bob.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize the commitment that the Olympic Pipe Line Company has made to improve the safety of its lines since the disaster in Bellingham. As you know, I believe that safe liquid fuel pipelines are important to protect community safety, avoid harmful impacts on the environment, and ensure a reliable transportation medium for the fuels on which much of our economy runs.

I would like to encourage you to continue your aggressive on-going safety investment program in your company's pipelines. The tragic results of June 10, 1999 highlight the need for continued safety upgrades, and I believe that Olympic Pipe Line Company has made much progress since BP has taken the reins.

Also of importance to the Company and to the residents of the Puget Sound is your community outreach program. The rebuilding of trust was a principal factor in allowing the pipeline to reopen. I believe it is important that the company continue its public outreach and its open, responsive approach to its stakeholders in the future. The processes you have put in place continue to benefit communities all along your pipeline routes.

I look forward to working with you on safety issues in the future.

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Member of Congress

Truly Yours.