

August 21, 2002

Kaaren Daugherty, Consulting Engineer  
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Dear Ms. Daugherty:

**Subject: Construction of 16-inch Main Segment at Union Hill Road - Redmond**

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has the authority to enforce minimum safety regulations concerning the construction, maintenance and operation of pipelines transporting natural gas in the state of Washington (RCW 80.28.210). The Commission has adopted the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 49 Part 192 and Chapter 480-93 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) as the minimum standards.

Staff has reviewed the documentation provided to the Commission on August 14, 2002 regarding Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) proposed construction of a new 16-inch diameter main segment on Union Hill Road. Staff believes that the proposed project meets all State and Federal pipeline safety codes and requirements.

The new segment will be limited to a maximum operating pressure (MOP) of 300 psig. Included in PSE's proposal was a request to operate in a Proscribed Area pursuant to WAC 480-93-030. This request has been placed on the Commission's Open Meeting Agenda for August 28, 2002, where the matter will be considered. Pipeline Safety Staff plan to recommend granting the authorization based on a review of the information you submitted.

If you have questions or comments, feel free to contact Joe Subsits, Pipeline Safety Engineer, at (360) 664-1322. Thank you for your continued interest in pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

Douglas Kilpatrick, P.E.  
Pipeline Safety Director

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