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Attn: Alan Rathbun, Pipeline Safety Director

**RE: WUTC Pipeline Safety and 2007 Federal Clearinghouse Review –
Puget Sound Energy Public Awareness Program PG-071144**

Dear Mr. Rathbun,

This letter is in response to your letter dated June 14, 2007 identifying potential shortcomings in Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) Public Awareness Program. These shortcomings were based on a review conducted by the federal clearinghouse.

We appreciate the feedback based on the federal evaluation of our program as well as the review and input provided by the state through both the development and enhancement of this program. We have amended our Public Awareness Program to address the identified shortcomings.

A copy of PSE's updated Public Awareness Program is enclosed. Also included is a summary of revisions to the program document based on the elements identified by the federal review.

Please feel free to contact me at 425-462-3734 if you have any further questions or comments.

Sincerely,


Stephanie Kreshel,
Standards & Compliance

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Summary of Public Awareness Program Updates in Response to Federal Program Review

1. **Question:** Do the Hazardous Liquids and Gas Transmission operator baseline awareness materials to the Affected Public include Pipeline location information (description of the purpose of the pipelines markers and the information on them, ref §4.6.1)?

Answer: Not Included

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Comments: Not included for the Affected Public

Response: Pipeline markers and content have been added to the list of baseline messages for the Affected Public in the summary table for natural gas transmission/storage facilities in Section IV of PSE's Public Awareness Program.
2. **Question:** Do the Hazardous Liquids and Gas Transmission operator baseline awareness materials to Emergency Officials include Pipeline location information (description of the purpose of pipeline markers and the information on them, ref § 4.6.1) and availability of NPMS?

Answer: Not Included

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Comments: Pipeline location information and the description of the purpose of pipeline markers and the information on them not included but the availability of NPMS included for Emergency Officials

Response: Pipeline markers and content have been added to the list of baseline messages for Emergency Officials in the summary table for natural gas transmission/storage facilities in Section IV of PSE's Public Awareness Program.
3. **Question:** Do the Hazardous Liquids and Gas Transmission operator baseline awareness materials to Local Public Officials include Pipeline location information (description of the purpose of pipeline markers and the information on them, ref § 4.6.1) and availability of NPMS?

Answer: Not Included

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Comments: Pipeline location information and the description of the purpose of pipeline markers and the information on them not included but the availability of NPMS included for Local Public Officials

Response: Pipeline markers and content have been added to the list of baseline messages for Local Public Officials in the summary table for natural gas transmission/storage facilities in Section IV of PSE's Public Awareness Program.

4. **Question:** Section 6.2 Does the program describe the process and procedure used to determine whether supplemental elements will be implemented in response to High Consequence Areas?
Answer: No
Page Number:
Comments: Does not include process and procedure
- Response:** Section II of PSE's written Public Awareness Program has been amended to describe new and existing processes and procedures used to determine whether supplemental elements will be implemented based on relevant factors influencing public awareness activities. PSE considers all the factors identified in Section 6 of RP 1162, including High Consequence Areas and third party damage incidents, when determining the need for supplemental public awareness efforts/activities.
5. **Question:** Section 6.2 Does the program describe the process and procedure used to determine whether supplemental elements will be implemented in response to Third-party damage incidents?
Answer: No
Page Number:
Comments: Does not include process and procedure
- Response:** See Response to Question 4.
6. **Question:** Does the program describe the process and procedure used to determine whether Supplemental Elements will be implemented in response to any other factor other than High Consequence Areas and Third party damage?
Answer: No
Page Number:
Comments: Does not include process and procedure
- Response:** See Response to Question 4.
7. **Question:** Section 8.3 Does the program include an annual audit or review of whether the program has been developed and implemented according to the guidelines in RP 1162?
Answer: Not included
Page Number:
Comments: Does not include information about annual audit or review of the program
- Response:** Section II of PSE's written Public Awareness Program has been amended to document the requirement to perform an annual program review.