

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Establishing Fees to be Paid to the ) DOCKET P-101125  
Washington Utilities and Transportation )  
Commission by Gas Companies, ) ORDER 01  
Interstate Gas Pipeline Companies, and )  
Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Companies )  
under Provisions of RCW 80.24.060 and ) ORDER ESTABLISHING  
RCW 81.24.090 ) PIPELINE SAFETY FEES FOR  
 ) FISCAL YEAR 2011  
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1 The Commission imposes an annual pipeline safety fee pursuant to RCW 80.24.060 and RCW 81.24.090 to meet the costs of its pipeline safety program. RCW 80.24.060(1) requires that every gas company and every interstate gas pipeline company subject to inspection or enforcement by the Commission must pay an annual pipeline safety fee to the Commission. RCW 81.24.090(1) requires that every hazardous liquid pipeline company as defined in RCW 81.88.010 must pay an annual pipeline safety fee to the Commission. The fee is determined by the fee methodology established in WAC 480-93-240 (gas) and WAC 480-75-240 (hazardous liquid).
- 2 The fees set by the Commission are paid quarterly, beginning September 1 of each year. On July 31, 2010, the Commission mailed invoices to each company showing the total amount of the pipeline fee for fiscal year 2011, and the first quarterly payment amount due September 1, 2010.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 3 (1) The Commission has determined each company's fiscal 2011 fee pursuant to RCW 80.24.060 and WAC 480-93-240 (gas pipeline companies and interstate gas pipeline companies), and RCW 81.24.090 and WAC 480-75-240 (hazardous liquid pipeline companies).
- 4 (2) The Commission deducts from the total program cost (\$1,900,000) the federal funding amount (\$658,949) the Commission expects to receive from the Federal Department of Transportation Natural Gas Pipeline and Hazardous Liquids Pipeline Safety Program base grants.
- 5 (3) Third, the Commission allocates overhead cost (\$350,000) to the pipeline program based on each company's percentage of the total pipeline miles within Washington State.

- 13 (2) The fees are payable in quarterly installments according to WAC 480-93-240 and WAC 480-75-240, due and payable on or before September 1, 2010; December 1, 2010; March 1, 2011; and June 1, 2011.
- 14 (3) Pursuant to RCW 80.24.060(7) and RCW 81.24.090(7), any entity seeking to contest the imposition of the fees established by this Order must pay the fee and request a refund within six months of the due date of the fee. The procedures are described in WAC 480-93-240(5) and WAC 480-75-240(5).

The Commissioners, having determined the fee for 2011, directed the Executive Director and Secretary to issue this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective August 12, 2010.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary