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December 11, 2000

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP DATE  
(January 23, 2001)**

**NOTICE OF DATE TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS  
(January 9, 2001)**

Re: Hazardous Liquids Pipeline Safety Rulemaking  
Docket No. TO-000712

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On November 16, 2000, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) held its first stakeholder workshop for the Hazardous Liquids Pipeline Safety Rulemaking. At the workshop we addressed one of the issues set forth by the legislature, "Design and Construction of safe and efficient hazardous liquids pipeline facilities." On January 23, 2001, we will hold a second workshop at which we will discuss the remaining four issues:

- Operation and maintenance of safe and efficient hazardous liquids pipeline facilities,
- Emergency procedures for hazardous liquids pipelines,
- Reporting, and
- Penalties and enforcement.

Attached to this memo are questions relating to the above issues. Please comment on those questions.

**WORKSHOP.** The Commission will convene the second workshop on **January 23, 2001, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in Room 206 (the Commission's Hearing Room), 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.** The remaining issues stated above will be addressed at the second workshop. An agenda for the workshop and Staff responses to stakeholder comments will be mailed to interested persons approximately a week prior to the workshop.

If you have any questions regarding the workshop, please contact Sondra Walsh at [swalsh@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:swalsh@wutc.wa.gov) or by calling (360) 664-1286.

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**WRITTEN COMMENTS.** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the remaining issues to be addressed in the rulemaking process prior to the workshop. Written comments should respond to the attached questions corresponding to the remaining issues.

Written comments are due at the Commission no later than **January 9, 2001**. Commenters are asked, but not required, to file an original plus ten copies of their comments and synopsis. The Commission also requests, but does not require, that comments be provided in electronic format via e-mail or on a 3-1/2-inch IBM formatted diskette, in ASCII text, .pdf format, WordPerfect version 5.1 or later, or Word 97 or later, labeled with the docket number of this proceeding (TO-000712) and the commenter's name and type of software used. Comments provided by mail or courier should be addressed to: Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, WA 98504-7250. Comments also may be provided by e-mail to <[records@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:records@wutc.wa.gov)>. Commission Staff will make available all comments provided in electronic format on the Commission's web site at <<http://www.wutc.wa.gov>>.

The Commission will post and regularly update its web site to include information that pertains to this rulemaking. Information will be provided to you individually if you request it. If you wish to receive further information on this rulemaking you may either: (1) submit a written request; (2) call the Commission's records center at (360) 664-1234; or (3) e-mail the Commission at <[records@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:records@wutc.wa.gov)>. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket No. TO-000712.

#### NOTICE

**If you do not wish to comment at this time, but would like to receive future information about this rulemaking, please notify the Commission Secretary by mail, e-mail, or telephone, as indicated above. Please request to be included on the Docket No. TO-000712 mailing list.**

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN  
Secretary

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## **RULEMAKING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

### **ISSUE -- Operation and maintenance of safe and efficient hazardous liquids pipeline facilities.**

Question 1. What is needed to require companies to operate pipeline facilities so they are safe and efficient?

Question 2. What is needed to require companies to maintain pipeline facilities so they are safe and efficient?

Question 3. How can training and certification requirements be improved?

Question 4. What NTSB, OPS and other organization recommendations should be considered in rulemaking related to methods and technologies for testing the integrity of pipeline structure, leak detection, and other elements of pipeline operations?

### **ISSUE – Emergency procedures for hazardous liquids pipeline.**

Question 1. What is needed to require companies to rapidly locate and isolate all reportable releases?

### **ISSUE – Reporting.**

Question 1. How can reporting requirements be improved?

Question 2. How can Operations Manual requirements be improved?

Question 3. What elements should be required to effectively require and review operations manuals?

Question 4. How should the Commission coordinate information related to pipeline safety to local planning and siting authorities?

### **ISSUE – Penalties and enforcement.**

Question 1. Please provide your comments on any changes you believe should be addressed in the rulemaking process.