

Ref. No Docket UG-041370

August 13, 2004

Kaaren Daugherty
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Dear Ms. Daugherty:

Subject: Operation of Regulator Stations on the Everett Delta Pipeline Segment

Pipeline Safety Staff has reviewed the documentation provided to the Commission on July 19, 2004 regarding Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) proposed construction of three regulator stations on the Everett Delta Pipeline Segment. Staff believes that the proposed project meets all state and federal pipeline safety codes and requirements.

The new stations will be operated under 20 percent of the Specified Minimum Yield Strength and odorization is to be provided at the State Route 92 and North Machias Road regulator station. Included in PSE's proposal was a request to operate in a Proximity Consideration pursuant to WAC 480-93-020.

This request has been placed on the Commission's Open Meeting Agenda for September 8, 2004, where the matter will be considered. We anticipate that public notice of the Open Meeting will be provided to appropriate members of the public located near the regulator stations. Pipeline Safety Staff plan to recommend granting the authorization based on a review of the information you submitted. Staff has included the proposed Commission Order for your review.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Joe Subsits at (360) 664-1322. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alan E. Rathbun
Pipeline Safety Director

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