

SERVICE DATE

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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Request by Washington)	
Natural Gas Company for a Waiver to)	
Operate the Redmond Eight Inch, High)	DOCKET UG-951278
Pressure Supply Main Pipeline at a Pressure)	
of 300 psig Within One Hundred Feet of)	ORDER GRANTING
Buildings Intended for Human Occupancy)	WAIVER
(WAC 480-93-030).)	
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On June 13, 1996, Washington Natural Gas Company (WNG), a Washington Corporation, filed a request for a waiver of WAC 480-93-030, Proscribed areas, to operate the Redmond eight inch high-pressure supply main pipeline at pressures up to 300 psig within one hundred feet of buildings intended for human occupancy.

FINDING OF FACT

1. WNG has provided documentation that the maximum allowable operating pressure of this pipeline had been established at 200 psig as a result of operating pressures between 1965 and 1970, in accordance with 49 CFR, part 192.619(c).
2. WNG has provided documentation that the Redmond high pressure pipeline cannot provide adequate capacity to meet the existing demand at pressures of 250 psig or less.
3. On or about November 4, 1995, WNG conducted a comprehensive uprate, as required by 49 CFR, part 192.557 and WAC 480-93-155, and established a maximum allowable operating pressure of 250 psig for this pipeline.
4. WNG has previously submitted a request for a waiver of WAC 480-93-030 to operate this pipeline at pressures up to 300 psig within one hundred feet of buildings intended for human occupancy. The Commission granted a temporary, conditional waiver on November 8, 1995, to allow WNG to operate this pipeline at pressures up to 300 psig for 180 days.
5. On November 10, 1995, WNG conducted a comprehensive uprate, as required by 49 CFR, part 192.557 and WAC 480-93-155, to establish a maximum allowable operating pressure of 300 psig for this pipeline.
6. Staff has reviewed the information provided by WNG relating to the operational history of this pipeline and has found nothing that would preclude the safe operation of this pipeline at pressures up to 300 psig.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. The request by Washington Natural Gas Company for a waiver of WAC 480-93-030, Proscribed areas, shall be granted to allow the operation of the Redmond eight inch, high-pressure supply main pipeline at pressures up to 300 psig within one hundred feet of buildings intended for human occupancy.

2. The Commission retains jurisdiction over this matter to effectuate the provisions of this order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this 23rd day of October, 1996.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



STEVE McLELLAN
Secretary