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Douglas Kilpatrick, P.E. Pipeline Safety Director Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Subject: Comments regarding proposed revisions to Washington pipeline safety rules, WAC Chapter 480-93 (UG-011073)

Dear Mr. Kilpatrick:

The attached file includes NW Natural's comments regarding the proposed revisions to WAC 480-93. We have carefully reviewed the proposed changes and our comments are based on our commitment to pipeline safety and the safe and reliable delivery of natural gas to our customers.

We look forward to the opportunity to discuss our comments regarding the proposed revisions at the workshop scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2003, at the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission's headquarters in Olympia.

Sincerely,

Joy C. Peery Codes & Standards

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