

Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety
Meeting Minutes
Washington State Investment Board
2100 Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, WA 98504
November 7, 2013

Present members:

Tim Sweeney, Chair
Bob Beaumier, Vice Chair
Jody Morehouse
Ron Schmitt
Ed Cimaroli
Robert Oenning
Randy Tarter
Nick Peelo

Absent members:

Carl Weimer
David Taylor
Terri Briere
Art Coulombe
Christian Amend

Other attendees:

David Lykken, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Joe Subsits, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Marina Woodard, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Rhonda Huynh, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Scott Zimmerman, Dept. of Ecology
Anna Gill, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Chris Anderson, BP Olympic Pipeline
Dave Beyer, Response Manager, DOE
Brad Tower, Olympic Pipe Line

Agenda Items:

1. **Welcome, Introduction and Adoption of September 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes**
The meeting was brought to order by Tim Sweeney who welcomed all attendees. Since we did not have a quorum for today's meeting, Tim asked that the minutes be emailed to all committee members to review and provide either a "Yes" or "No" vote to approve the minutes as written.
2. **Industries Presentation on "Publicly Resourced GIS Used at Olympic Pipeline Company" (Presentation by Ed Cimaroli and Chris Anderson of BP Olympic)**
Ed Cimaroli and Chris Anderson provided an overview and presentation of the "GIS Mapping used by BP Olympic Pipeline." Handout materials were provided for this discussion. (*This document is posted on CCOPS website*).
3. **Emergency Planning , Incident Response & Natural Disaster Issues**
Tim recommended that committee members discuss topics for future meetings as it pertains to emergency planning and incident response. This includes what the committee would like to achieve and identifying individuals that can provide a presentation to the committee. Presentations could also include how industries plan their emergency response to incidents and natural disasters.
4. **Damage Prevention Update**
Anna Gill provided the following updates:
 - To date, 200 letters have been sent to professional excavators and homeowner, reminding them of their responsibility to call for locates prior to excavating. In each of these cases, damage to pipeline facility damage information is obtained from the Virtual DIRT on-line reporting tool.
 - UTC staff is investigating an excavator who allegedly damaged a pipeline and then covered up the damaged pipe. Another investigation is under way involving a farmer in eastern Washington that allegedly performed digging on the easement belonging to Tesoro. UTC will provide the committee with additional information when these investigations have been completed.
 - Damage report analysis for the first quarter of 2013 from Virtual DIRT data has been compiled and the analysis report should be completed by the end of November 2013. Next year (2014) will provide a more in-depth report of the findings on what type of damages are occurring. We will continue the education outreach for excavators and homeowners on the one-call process. This analysis report is available on the UTC website.
 - The Dig Law Safety Committee reviews alleged violations of the law and recommends enforcement action to the commission or attorney generals. Two complaints will be heard on November 14, 2013 at the commission.
 - The Safety Committee's role is to recommend best practices to the state legislature, state agencies and local government. The Safety Committee is currently compiling a list of improvements they would like to see the current dig law and how effective it is as a whole. A recommendations report is being drafted which will be presented to the commission in 2015.

- Anna Gill is gearing up for 811 media campaign in the spring of 2014. Money from the penalty account will be used to provide an outreach media campaign to promote public education on the dig law. The campaign will be beginning the spring of 2014.

5. **Dept. of Ecology Update**

- Scott Zimmerman provided a Dept. of Ecology update to members. Scott noted that four spills occurred in September and October that are summarized in the provided handout information. *(This document is posted on CCOPS website).*

6. **UTC Update**

Dave Lykken provided the following updates:

- **PHMSA Audit** – Dave provided two letters from PHMSA regarding the results of their 2013 audit, including copies of the scoring sheets that are used for the onsite audit process. *(Handouts are available on the website).*
- **Policy Advisory Transportation Position** – UTC is in the process of filling the vacant position. The position description has been drafted and will be posted in the next few weeks. This position will be assigned to UTC's policy section, and will also act to facilitate CCOPS. Marina will send out the position description to committee members.
- **Consumer Protection Director Position** – This position manages UTC's Consumer Protection, Rail, Motor Carrier, Licensing Services and Pipeline Safety sections. Steve King was prior Director but now holds the position of Executive Director and Secretary. We anticipate that this vacant position will be filled in the near future.
- **Interstate work plan for 2014** – Interstate agencies submitted their proposed 2014 work plan to PHMSA. Changes in risk based model for scheduling inspections now dictate that inspections visits may be conducted every 5 to 7 years. As a result, interstate agents will be making fewer visits to the interstate operators. We have expressed our concerns to PHMSA and have submitted a draft work plan for their consideration that best fits the state of Washington.
- **Commissioner Jones** – His term as NARUC President will end this November 2013. Thank you to Phil for always making pipeline safety visible to NARUC.
- **PHMSA Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Seminar 2014** – Staff will be hosting the PHMSA Hazardous liquid pipeline seminar for pipeline operators. This year, the two-day seminar will be held on April 22 & 23, 2014. This is required every three years. Staff will host the gas seminar jointly with Idaho and Oregon in 2015.
- **Accelerator Replacement of Elevated Pipeline Facilities** – In 2012, the commissioners issued a policy statement on accelerated replacement on elevated pipeline facilities with an elevated risk. The policy allows for the four gas distribution companies to file with the commission a cost recovery mechanism to help recover the investments for replacement of cast-iron, bare steel and questionable plastic polyethylene pipe. In October, the four local distribution companies filed pipeline replacement plans as requested by the commission. In Washington State, we have some bare steel remaining and no cast iron pipe. The removal of the remaining bare steel will be completed in the next two years. Avista is currently working on polyethylene pipe replacement and PSE will be completing a 10 year bare steel replacement program by

the end of 2014. Cascade has filed a cost recovery mechanism as a part of their pipeline replacement program.

- Enforcement action – A settlement agreement has been reached between Puget Sound Energy and UTC regarding the Pinehurst incident that occurred in September 2011. Puget Sound Energy paid a penalty of \$275,000 including a review of their emergency procedures, public awareness plan and provide up to \$15,000 in funding to host workshops for other state utilities to improve communications and coordination plans among overlapping in emergency situations. Staff will conduct a follow up on the settlement agreement.
- Phillips 66 Interstate inspection violations – The Yellowstone pipeline inspection in January of 2013 resulted in an issued order of corrective action and a notice of probable violation in August 2013. No monetary penalties were taken but the company was directed to take remedial actions. A follow up inspection will be conducted by staff.
- Ferndale storage - Chevron Pipeline Ferndale is required to perform “out of service” breakout tank inspections every twenty years. Ferndale storage has two large above ground butane tanks. Inspection of tank T1 one will be conducted 2014, the T2 tank will be conducted 2015.
- Pipeline Safety Trust Conference – David will be attending the Pipeline Safety Trust Conference in New Orleans on November 21, 2013. He will be part of a conference discussion panel to talk about gathering line issues.

7. **Review and Approval of Draft 2013 Stakeholder Report & Distribution list.**

- Committee suggested listen to the industry, to have an opportunity to listen to what they have to say in regards to pipeline safety. Also be a voice for citizens and residential along the pipeline public awareness. We are a listening sounding board. Bring in individual perspective to the group. Stating the value pipeline has to the economy of the state. The committee agrees the importance of public awareness. Industries having a forum where they can challenge each other revisit our mission, public awareness and Economy. Tim will have a letter drafted and ready by January 2014.

8. **Future Agenda Review (FAR) – 2014 Meetings**

- Pacific Northwest Natural Gas Market Outlook.
Moved from Nov 7th meeting, this topic was recommended by Dan Kirschner, NWGA and Ed Brewer the General Manager VP for Northwest Pipeline
- Review of local and state DEM.
This topic is recommended by members.
- Communication between UTC and DOE
This is set for May 2014
- PAW – update Presentation
Set for September 2014, this topic is recommended by members.
- Future 2014 meeting dates include May 21, 2014, September 11, 2014, November 20, 2014
- The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2013. Location for the meetings will be sent out.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:19 pm.