

Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety

Meeting Minutes

Washington State Investment Board

2100 Evergreen Park Drive, Olympia, WA 98504

November 10, 2011

Present members:Tim Sweeney, Chair
David Taylor, vice-chair
Carl Weimer
Bill Rickard
Ron Schmitt
Terrill Briere
Bob Beaumier
Corey Herrick
Rosalie Ann Lopez
Ruth Mabrey**Absent members:**Art Coulombe
Andrew Martonick
Jody Morehouse**Other attendees:**Joe Subsits, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Alan Lundeen, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Marina Woodard, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Steve King, UTC Safety and Consumer Protection Director
Mark Vasconi, UTC Regulatory Service Director
Kelli Gustaf, Dept. of Ecology
Rick Kuprewicz, Accufacts, Inc.
Duane Henderson, Puget Sound Energy**Agenda Items:**

1. **Welcome, Introduction and Adoption of September 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes**
The meeting was brought to order by Tim Sweeney who welcomed all attendees. In a unanimous vote, the Committee adopted the September 14, 2011 meeting minutes as written.
2. **Rate case – UG-110723 PSE**
Steve King, Mark Vasconi with UTC and Duane Henderson with PSE gave a brief overview of the rate case procedure. In April 2011, PSE proposed the rate changes by implementing new program and schedule - Schedule No. 134 and Pipeline Integrity Program (PIP). Duane summarized PSE's rationale for filing the case based on the difference between implementing integrity management in comparison to other pipeline safety regulations. Mark explained UTC staff position on the PSE proposal. Staff was not able to reach an agreement with PSE and the process will now proceed to a hearing.

After considerable discussion, the following action was agreed upon.

Action(s):

Tim will draft a letter to UTC commissioners expressing the committee desire for the UTC and PSE to find a consensus approach to encourage replacement of vintage pipe. The draft letter will be distributed to members for review and approval.

3. **Proposed Gas Rulemaking – ANPRM Transmission Pipeline –Docket No. PHMSA-2011-0023**

The following presenters provided comments and perspective on the proposed ANPRM (Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking).

- Carl Weimer (Trust) - presentation is posted on the CCOPS website.
- Joe Subsits (UTC) – summarized the position of pipeline safety staff on the elements of potential rulemaking being proposed by PHMSA. UTC has not decided if comments will be submitted to PHMSA.
- Ruth Mabrey (Williams) – provided industry perspective and Williams Integrity Management Plan process and criteria on the High Consequences Areas (HCAs). Ruth also provided INGAA’s response to the ANPRM that was submitted to PHMSA on November 2, 2011. INGAA’s response is posted on the CCOPS website.
- Rick Kuprewicz (Accufacts) - presentation is posted on the CCOPS website.
- Corey Herrick with McChord and Rose Ann Lopez with BP also provided their comments on their company procedures related to HCAs.

***Note:** On November 16, 2011, PHMSA issued a notice that the closing date for filing comments is extended from December 2, 2011 until January 20, 2012.*

Action(s):

Two motions of the committee directed the following:

- 1) Joe Subsits is to provide an outline of his presentation to Bob Beaumier and Ruth Mabrey by November 20th. Ruth may provide comments to Bob as well.
Bob Beaumier will draft a letter to PHMSA to be distributed to Ron and Tim for review. Ron and Tim will review the draft, edit if necessary and share with the members and pipeline staff.
- 2) Encourage UTC Pipeline Safety to provide comments to PHMSA on the proposed rulemaking.

4. **Public Comment**

No public comments were provided.

5. **Review of draft 2011 Stakeholder Annual Report**

A draft report was distributed to members for review. Members are asked to email Tim any comments or proposed edits.

6. **UTC update (Joe Subsits)**

- As a result of a survey of state regulatory programs, the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR) issued a 2011 Compendium of State Pipeline Safety Requirements & Initiatives Compared to Code of Federal Regulations. *(The report and executive summary are posted on CCOPS website).*
- House Explosion occurred on September 26, 2011 in North Seattle resulted in two injuries requiring hospitalization. This incident is currently under investigation.

7. **Dept. of Ecology Update**

Kelli Gustaf provided an Ecology update to members. *(This document is posted on CCOPS website).*

8. **Public Comments and Other Business**

No public comments and other business.

9. **Future Agenda Review (FAR) – 2012 Meetings**

Members were provided a 2012 FAR document and agreed scheduling the 2012 meetings on the following dates:

- March 15, 2012 – Olympia, WA. (March 14 will be used as backup)
- May 17, 2012 – Olympia, WA. (May 16 will be used as backup)
- September 20, 2012– Olympia, WA. (September 19 will be used as backup)
- November 15, 2012 – Olympia, WA. (November 14 will be used as backup)

Future topics suggested by members include:

March 2012

- 2011 Inspection Process in general (Joe Subsits)
- Follow up on ANPRM
- Follow up on PSE PIP tariff update - PG-110723
- Legislative update
- Land use update

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.