

**Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety**

## Meeting Minutes

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, WA 98504  
December 2, 2014**Present members:**Bob Beaumier, Chair  
Tim Sweeney  
Robert Oenning  
David Taylor  
Carl Weimer  
Jody Morehouse  
Randy Tarter**Absent members:**Nick Peelo  
Ron Schmitt  
Ron Bowen  
Ed Cimaroli**Other attendees:**Jim Fernald, UTC Pipeline Safety Program  
Marina Woodard, UTC Pipeline Safety Program  
Lynda Holloway, UTC Pipeline Safety Program  
Jason Lewis, UTC Transportation Policy Advisor  
Scott Zimmerman, Dept. of Ecology  
Sonja Lutz, Pipeline Safety Trust  
Rick Kuprewicz, Accufact, Inc.  
Mike Eutsey, CNG  
Dean French, citizen**Agenda Items:****1. Welcome, Meeting Protocols, Introduction and Adoption of October 2, 2014 Minutes**

The meeting was brought to order by Bob Beaumier who welcomed all attendees.

Bob Beaumier asked to add the following note to item #9 – CCOPS Bylaws Review:

- Note: During the 12/2/2014 meeting, Bob Beaumier corrected himself that he had also asked Bob Oenning to be part of the review group.

In a unanimous vote, the Committee adopted the revised October 2, 2014, meeting minutes. The finalized minutes will be emailed to members and posted to the website.

**2. Election of Vice-Chair**

Bob Beaumier stated that he spoke by phone to Ron Bowen regarding the upcoming committee vice-chair vacancy. During that conversation, Ron agreed to serve as the vice-chair. Bob moved to elect Ron as the Vice Chair, and the committee unanimously passed the motion.

3. **Review of Draft 2014 Stakeholder Report**

Jason noted that he received comments from two committee members prior to today's meeting. The received information will be reviewed and incorporated into the final draft document which will be circulated prior to the next scheduled meeting.

The committee discussed and reviewed the draft 2014 Annual Report with the following comments and suggestions.

Introduction (Page 1)

- Tim suggested that we develop and include a written "Executive Summary" which would be added as the front page of the report. This summary should focus on the committee itself including its 2014 accomplishments.

Section I – Regulatory Framework (Page 2 – 9)

- Carl Weimer noted that he submitted written comments to Jason prior to today's meeting. He commented that the number of PHMSA inspectors quoted in the report is incorrect. In addition, the number of state inspectors, type of inspections, incidents and enforcement activities are not included or mentioned, and that all applicable federal regulation code were not referenced. Additional comments are included in his written comments that were provided to Jason.
- Table 1, Title 49 - Dave Taylor recommended adding the fact that federal pipeline regulations have been in effect for more than 40 years.
- Table I, Title 49 - Bob Beaumier suggested that instead of listing each individual subparts and titles, simply list the CFR Part number, citation title and followed by the first and the last subparts, e.g. ***Title 49 CFR Part 190-Pipeline Safety Program (Subpart A-D)***. Jody suggested adding hyperlinks to each of the regulations. After further discussion, members decided to retain the tables as written and place them as an addendum.
- Tim felt there is confusion regarding FERC's regulatory authority. He recommends more clarification on FERC's role and authority. He also suggested including a graphic description of how and what each regulatory agency (including WA UTC Pipeline Safety Program) has responsibility for in regulating pipelines. Bob Beaumier asked Jason to include a visual table describing each federal and state regulatory agency and their role as it relates to regulating pipelines. Jason offered to create and include the flowchart.

Jason noted that he will include the following language in the annual report:

- Interstate Agent Agreement between UTC and PHMSA.
- Homeland Security component.

Section II – Washington Pipeline Overview (Page 4 - 10)

- Carl Weimer noted that the report did not include any information regarding incidents occurring in Washington state. Marina noted that this information is readily available and can be provided to Jason.
- Bob Oenning suggested adding the list of pipeline operators. Tim Sweeney suggested adding a map of the distribution and transmission pipeline operators in WA state. Another suggestion was made to add a link to readily available information contained in the UTC website, “List of Pipelines We Inspect” which includes each operators’ “Maps of the Service Area.”
- Members suggested adding a general statement regarding rates and how they vary depending upon capital expenditure requirements.
- Jason will add a paragraph on the oil by rail transportation study.
- Bob Beaumier noted that page 8-9 can be reduced by consolidating the rates and the pipeline replacement project information.
- Jason will obtain clarification if cast and wrought iron pipes have been completely replaced in Washington state.
- Carl Weimer suggested including information that clarifies that Washington state is responsible for performing inspection and enforcement activities, including type and frequency of inspections conducted. Tim Sweeney suggested adding the risk assessment process in determining which pipeline units are to be inspected and types of inspections to be performed.

Section III – PHMSA Performance Metrics (Page 10-12)

- Jason noted that the data and metrics contained in this section largely reflect information provided by Dave Lykken during a previous CCOPS meeting.
- Tim Sweeney recommended adding a statement clarifying the metrics provided in Figure 4, Gas Pipeline Inspection Days (Page 11).
- Jody Morehouse suggested replacing Figure 3 – Washington Leak Management with only leaks that are classified as “Hazardous.”

Other suggestion from members:

Carl suggested adding the Department of Ecology’s role in Spill Response Planning.

Action(s):

- 1) Marina will provide Joe Subsits’ previous inspection presentation to Jason.
- 2) Jason will revise the draft annual report and will email the final draft for committee review by January 9, 2015. Comments are due to Jason (electronically with track changes) no later than January 20, 2015. Following this process, Jason will email members with the final revised draft document prior to the meeting. The final document will be reviewed and approved during the next scheduled meeting.

4. Moving Dilbit in Pipelines

Rick Kuprewicz with Accufacts, Inc. provided a presentation on “Moving Dilbit in Pipelines.” (*This document is posted on CCOPS website*)

5. **Pipeline Awareness Training in Bellingham, WA**

Dave Taylor briefed the committee on his attendance of the “Emergency Responders Training” held in Bellingham on November 6, 2014. This training was sponsored by the Pipeline Association of Washington (PAW) that was focused towards emergency responders.” Dave distributed the “Pipeline Emergency Response Guidelines” and “PAW newsletter-Fall 2014” to members and public. *(Both documents are posted on CCOPS website).*

**Action(s):**

Bob Beaumier asked Marina to mail the “Pipeline Emergency Response Guidelines” to Ron Bowen requesting him to review and contact him for further discussion.

6. **Pipeline Safety Trust (PST) Conference**

Carl Weimer reported that Pipeline Safety Trust hosted a conference on Thursday, November 20, 2015 in New Orleans. Approximately 200 participants attended this annual event. Further information regarding this event, presentations and videos can be found at [www.pstrust.org](http://www.pstrust.org). Carl also distributed the “Safe Pipelines – Fall 2014” publication to members and public.

7. **Letter to DOT RE: Federal Rulemaking**

During the October 2, 2014 meeting, Carl was tasked to draft a letter to US DOT, PHMSA in regards to their delay in adopting new pipeline safety rules. Carl distributed the draft letter for member review and discussion today. As a result, there were few minor corrections noted. Tim Sweeney suggested to send signed copies to Governor Inslee and congressional delegates. Motion was passed with identified edits.

**Action(s):**

Jason will forward the draft letter to the Governor’s office for review. Once approved, Marina will mail the final letter to Bob Beaumier for signature.

8. **Dept. of Ecology (DOE) Update**

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

9. **UTC Update**

No updates provided.

10. **2015 Workplan**

Members voted and approved the following topics to be included in the 2015 Workplan.

- i) Geographic Response Plan (GRP) – Interacting with Dept. of Ecology.
- ii) Fugitive Gas as it relates to the conditions of pipelines.
- iii) Cyber Security issues.
- iv) How effective are Damage Prevention programs?
- v) Updates on Earthquake warning system from University of Washington.
- vi) Evaluate the value of supply disruption public education efforts.

- vii) Update on landuse planning around pipelines.
- viii) UTC updates.
- ix) Dept. of Ecology (DOE) updates.

Members agreed to place Ron Bowen's suggested topic on the First Responder Initiative as "Reserved."

11. **2015 Meeting Dates and and Other Business**

Members agreed to change the future meeting in March to January, and November to December. Members moved to amend the Bylaws as proposed and the motion passed unanimously. Bylaws will be amended accordingly by the review committee to reflect the meeting date changes.

Members voted the 2015 meetings dates as follows. These meeting dates may change subject to meeting room availability.

- January 29, 2015
- May 7, 2015
- September 10, 2015
- December 3, 2015

***Note:** Following the meeting, it was determined that a meeting room was not available on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Members subsequently voted to move the meeting to January 26<sup>th</sup>.*

Suggested topics for the January 2015 meeting includes:

- Legislative issue
- Finalize the 2014 Draft Annual Report
- Update on Oil by Rail
- Update on Williams Plymouth incident

12. **Public Comments**

Dean French (citizen) introduced himself as a former employee for El Paso Pipeline located in Arizona. He expressed safety concerns regarding Oil by Rail issue and believes that it will be addressed by the state legislature. He stated that if the committee had plans to address Oil by Rail issues, he would like to be involved in that process. Jason noted that the "Marine & Rail Oil Transportation Study" report is available on DOE's website at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/oilmovement/2014MRstudy.html>

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.