

Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety

Meeting Minutes

Washington State Investment Board

2100 Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, WA 98504

March 13, 2014

Present members:Tim Sweeney, Chair
Bob Beaumier, Vice Chair
Jody Morehouse
Terri Briere
Robert Oenning
Randy Tarter
Nick Peelo
Christian Amend**Absent members:**Carl Weimer
David Taylor
Ron Schmitt
Art Coulombe
Ed Cimaroli**Other attendees:**Joe Subsits, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Jim Fernald, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Marina Woodard, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Rhonda Huynh, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Dennis Ritter, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Brad Tower, Olympic Pipe Line
Xan Kotter, William Northwest Pipeline
Ryan Paulsen, Washington State Department of Ecology
Richard Schroedel, Pierce County Department of Emergency Management (OEM)
Timothy E. Doyle, King County Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
Jon Cornelius, WA Dig Law Safety Committee
Dave Christensen, WA Dig Law Safety Committee
Dan Kirschner, Northwest Gas Association
Brian Felczak, City of Kent, Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
Kelli Gustaf, BP Olympic Pipeline**Agenda Items:**

- Welcome, Introduction and Adoption of November 7, 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 for review and to provide either a "Yes" or "No" vote to approve the minutes as written.
Action(s):
Rhonda Huynh will email members the draft minutes with a request to review and approve the minutes.

2. **Emergency Management's Role in Pipeline Incident**

Timothy Doyle with King County OEM, and Richard Schroedel with Pierce County OEM provided an overview of their emergency roles in informing the public and local government pertaining to emergency planning and incident response. Tim suggested that the industries members provide presentation at the next meeting in May 2014 on their emergency response outreach. *(This document is posted on CCOPS website).*

3. **Northwest Gas Market Outlook and Infrastructure Update**

Xan Kotter with Williams Gas Pipeline and Dan Kirschner with NWGA, provided their presentations regarding updates on business development. Handout materials were provided for this discussion. *(This document is posted on CCOPS website).*

4. **Dept. of Ecology Update**

Ryan Paulsen provided a Dept. of Ecology update to members. *(This document is posted on CCOPS website).*

Action(s):

Tim suggested he would like more information from the Department of Ecology at the next meeting, "What is the process Ecology goes through for the public on public notices for outreach requirements."

5. **UTC Update**

Joe Subsits provided the following updates:

- Anna Gill and Dave Lykken are in Phoenix at the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) National Conference.
- 2014 Inspections - Inspectors are conducting standard inspections for the next calendar year. We are also conducting Integrity Management Inspections and Operator Qualification inspection based on previous audits and with PHMSA's advice.
- Legislature Update – The pipeline safety program does not have any topics before the legislature. Rail safety is more active in legislative activities for this session.
- Policy Advisory Transportation Position - UTC is in the process of filling the vacant Policy Advisory position. Ann Rendahl is currently recruiting for this position.
- Coast Guard Conference on Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) - Joe Subsits recently spoke at the Coast Guard LNG fuel conference. The conference focused on consideration for using LNG as a fuel source.
- PHMSA's leak detection workgroup - Joe Subsits provided an overview on PHMSA's leak detection workgroup which will focus on the liquid and gas leak detection technologies. This will be a three year study producing recommendations to operators choosing and operating leak protection systems.

6. **Damage Prevention Update**

Joe Subsits provided the following updates:

- The first penalty assessment for a damage prevention violation involved a farmer who was assessed a penalty for two violations. He did not call for locates.

- Anna Gill will be leaving the Damage Prevention position and has accepted a new appointment in UTC's Consumer Protection program. The Damage Prevention position is in the process of being filled.

7. **Public Comment**

- Jon Cornelius, Chair and Dave Christensen, Vice Chair of the Washington Dig Law Safety Committee provided an update and overview of the committee's accomplishment made in 2013. Handout was provided for this topic. *(This document is posted on CCOPS website).*

8. **Future Agenda Review (FAR) 2014 and Other Business**

- Election of the new Vice Chair (to be held at the next May 2014 meeting).
- Communication between UTC and DOE.
How the two agencies UTC and DOE communicate when it comes to similar companies they have jurisdiction over. This is set for the May 2014 meeting.
- Local Emergency Planning Council (LPC).
What are the company's participation on LPC Emergency Planning and Incidents Response and update on the plan?
- Williams Partners - Plymouth LNG and Cascade Natural Gas overview for future facilities on the transportation corridor.
Tim suggested LNG and CNG to present the committee on the development of new facilities along the I-5 corridor, and what the risks and impacts are.
- Earthquake and Emergency Response update.
Bob Oenning suggested an update on the Earthquake and Emergency Response. Industry may be presenting on this topic.
- UTC update on what may be presented to the legislature for 2015.
Set for September 2014, this topic is recommended by members.
- PAW - update Presentation.
Set for September 2014, this topic is recommended by members.
- Tim suggested moving the May 21, 2014 meeting to either May 28 or 29, 2014 depending on the meeting facility availability.
Action: Marina will determine and email members the final available meeting date.
- Other future meeting dates are scheduled for September 11, 2014 and November 20, 2014.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 pm.