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Richard Lowthian
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Dear Mr. Lowthian:

This letter serves as a follow up to our telephone conversation of Friday, Feb. 24, regarding your letters of Feb. 8 and 22 to Governor Christine Gregoire. As we discussed, Puget Sound Energy (PSE) was in compliance with the laws regarding the charges you received for damages. However, you did raise certain issues that we agreed to research and address with PSE and other energy companies.

1. We will update information on the commission website and in printed materials to include additional statements warning people to be cautious as gas pipelines may be constructed with either steel or plastic materials, and describing potential scenarios.
2. We will ask PSE and other energy companies to duplicate our expanded information and scenarios on their own websites.
3. We will make inquiries with commission regulatory staff about PSE's existing rates structure for repairing third-party damages.

I will follow up with you by letter with our findings regarding the items listed above.

Thank you for taking the time to talk with Dave Lykken, Pipeline Safety Director, and me last week. If you have further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at (360) 664-1143 or swallace@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Sharon Wallace, Assistant Director
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