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CERTIFIED MAIL

October 19, 2016

Daniel H. Yoder
President
McChord Pipeline Company
3001 Marshall Avenue
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Dear Mr. Yoder:

RE: 2016 Hazardous Liquid Standard Inspection – McChord Pipeline Company
(Insp. No. 6754)

Staff from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (staff) conducted a Standard inspection from August 8-10 and October 11, 2016 of the McChord Pipeline Company (McChord). The inspection included a records review and inspection of the pipeline facilities.

No apparent violations were noted as a result of the inspection. This inspection will be closed as of October 19, 2016.

There is also one area which requires clarification. The pump supplying energy to transport the jet fuel, by pipeline, in previous inspections was considered non-regulated. This assumption was questioned during this inspection as the pump is dedicated to move product from US Oil & Refining to Joint Base Lewis-McChord. After review, we consider the pump station and the discharge line part of the "pipeline system" per 49 CFR §195.2 Definitions. Given the inspection history of this unit, this would not be a probable violation. However, McChord will be required to meet all necessary requirements of state and federal code pertaining to this part of the pipeline system and future inspections will validate McChord's efforts.

Staff did also note to McChord staff that additional markers along the pipeline route would be a prudent investment in public awareness, especially in the densely populated Midland and Parkland neighborhoods. Although no accidents due to third party damage have been reported, additional markers may be some insurance to continue this trend into the future.

Staff thanks McChord's personnel for their professionalism and cooperation during this inspection.

Respect. Professionalism. Integrity. Accountability.

If you have any questions, or if we may be of any assistance, please contact Dennis Ritter at (360) 664-1159.

Sincerely,



Alan E. Rathbun
Pipeline Safety Director

cc: Nicholas Peelo, Chief Engineer, McChord Pipeline