

**Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety**  
Meeting Minutes  
Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, WA 98504  
November 15, 2018

**Present members:**

Greg Baruso, Chair  
Jerome Delvin  
Nick Peelo  
Randy Tarter  
Dave Taylor  
Karen Cash  
Patrick Davis  
Janet Alderton (via conference bridge line)

**Absent members:**

Rebecca Sexton-Kelly, Vice-Chair  
Ron Bowen

**Other attendees:**

Sean Mayo, UTC Pipeline Safety Program  
Lynda Holloway, UTC Pipeline Safety Program  
Debbie Becker, UTC Pipeline Safety Program  
Denise Witchey, UTC Pipeline Safety Program  
Steve Davidson, UTC Pipeline Safety Program  
Kali Wraspir, UTC Pipeline Safety Program  
Bryan Thomas, UTC Policy Planning and Research  
Jay Balasbas, UTC Commissioner  
Sonja Larson, Dept. of Ecology  
Sarah Fraley, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation  
Andrew Mark, Trans Mountain  
Les Price, Williams  
Maria Palacios, Williams  
Greg Hanon, Communico  
Duane Henderson, Puget Sound Energy  
Deann Strom, Puget Sound Energy

**Agenda Items:**

- 1) Welcome, Meeting Protocols, Introduction and Adoption of Aug. 28 Minutes**  
The meeting was brought to order by Greg Baruso who welcomed all attendees. In a unanimous vote, the Committee adopted the Aug. 28 meeting minutes as written.

Nick Peelo requested that Item 8 be presented immediately after lunch. The Committee Members agreed.

- 2) **The Northwest Pipeline LLC North Seattle Lateral Upgrade Project**  
Les Price, of Williams Presented a PowerPoint on the North Seattle Lateral Upgrade Project. *(This document has been posted on the CCOPS website)*
- 3) **Trans Mountain Public Awareness Outreach**  
Andrew Mark, of Trans Mountain presented a PowerPoint on the Public Awareness Outreach Program for the Trans Mountain pipeline.
- 4) **UTC Update**  
Sean Mayo briefed the Committee on the following:
  - Staff has completed 10 scheduled inspections and 117 crew construction inspections.
  - The 2019 Interstate Work Plan was approved this morning by PHMSA Western Region.
  - Staff has fielded questions about national pipeline incidents that are still under investigation.
  - PHMSA – There has been a lot of rulemaking activity on the federal level. We expect to see proposed rulemakings and final rules in January-March 2019.
  - PHMSA audit was completed in September. We have not received the official score letter.
- 5) **Department of Ecology Update**  
Sonja Larson provided the Pipeline Oil Spill Contingency Plan, Drill, and GRP Updates. *(This document is posted on the CCOPS website)*
- 6) **Pipeline Safety Indicators** (this item was moved up on the agenda)  
Nick Peelo provided a review of Pipeline Safety Indicators. *(This document has been posted on the CCOPS website)*  
Sean Mayo discussed some of the indicators that the program looks at when determining inspection intervals. The program collects and analyzes data from various sources. Some of the indicators reviewed are:
  - Leak data reports
  - Third party damage
  - Variance in data on annual report
  - Violations – has there been an increase in violations?
  - What is the system composed of (pipeline material)?
  - Environment: flood zones, land slide areas, seismic activity, environmentally sensitive/challenged areas
  - Operator Qualification Program
  - Operators compliance – is there a struggle with getting information or records?
  - The security of the system
  - High consequence areas

**ACTION ITEM:**

Sean Mayo offered to prepare a list of measurable pipeline safety indicators for the Committee to review and distribute it via email. The Committee agreed that a list would be helpful.

**7) Damage Prevention Update**

Lynda Holloway reviewed the recent activities, future outreach and training opportunities.

- There was a lot of construction activity over the summer as we have saw an increase in dig tickets for July and August.
- Two NUCA Dig Safe classes were held in October.
- Two locator classes were held in the second week of November
- Lynda attended the Pipeline Safety Trust Annual Conference in New Orleans in October.
- The Program has participated in several contractor lunches and provided outreach to contractors and excavators.
- Lynda participated in contractor training at L&I and will participate in more of these events in December and January.
- The safety committee continues to receive complaints. The next review will be held in December.
- The NW Flower and Garden Show outreach in February. If the members would like to participate, please contact Lynda.

Greg Baruso requested a list of the upcoming outreach opportunities for the next year.

**ACTION ITEM:**

Lynda Holloway will provide the Committee with a list of calendar events.

**8) Outreach Discussion**

The members reviewed the outreach items discussed at the last meeting. Greg asked the Committee to review the draft outreach information provided by Andrew Mark of Trans Mountain.

**9) Public Comments**

No public comments

**10) Review of Action Items, Topics for Next Meeting, and Other Business**

- Debbie Becker will send a Doodle poll for 2019 meeting dates.
- Sean Mayo will prepare a list of Pipeline Safety Indicators for the Committee and this will be a discussion item for the next meeting.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 1:51pm