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November 27, 2012

Grant M. Yoshihara
Vice President of Utility Operations
Northwest Natural
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Dear Mr. Yoshihara:

RE: 2012 Gas Distribution Integrity Management Program Inspection – NWN, Headquarters.

Staff from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (staff) conducted an inspection from October 22 - 24, 2012 of Northwest Natural's (NWN), Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP).

For efficiency and other reasons, we conducted this inspection jointly with representatives from the Oregon Public Utilities Commissions. However, as you are aware, each of these agencies has separate gas pipeline safety jurisdiction over NWN and each agency has its own and separate State Administrative Codes. As a result, each state will make its own decision in exercising jurisdiction regarding this inspection. Therefore, this letter is from the State of Washington, Utilities and Transportation Commission only and these findings represent Washington State only.

This inspection included a review of NWN's DIMP program and associated procedures and records. We are pleased to report that no apparent violations were noted as a result of this inspection.

Staff would like to thank NWN's personnel for their professionalism and cooperation during this inspection.



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If you have any questions, or if we may be of any assistance, please contact Scott Rukke at (360) 664-1241. Please refer to the subject matter described above in any future correspondence pertaining to this inspection.

Sincerely,



David D. Lykken
Pipeline Safety Director

cc: Kerry F. Shampine, Manager, Code Compliance, Northwest Natural