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July 15, 2013

Booga K. Gilbertson
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Bellevue, WA 98004

Dear Ms. Gilbertson:

RE: 2013 Natural Gas Standard Inspection – Puget Sound Energy-West King County

Staff from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (staff) conducted a standard inspection from May 6 - 31, 2013, of Puget Sound Energy's (PSE), West King County gas distribution system. The inspection included a records review and inspection of the pipeline facilities.

No apparent violations were identified as a result of the inspection, however one area of concern (AOC) was noted which unless corrected, could potentially lead to future violation of state and/or federal pipeline safety rules.

During the facilities portion of staff's inspection, uncertainty by PSE field personnel over PSE written procedure 4700.1600 "Inspecting Pressure Regulation Stations and Pressure Relief Devices" required a call to the company's engineering department for clarification. The instructions did not have a clear set of guidance for performing lock-up on pressure regulating devices installed in a worker/monitor configuration.

Staff understands that PSE is in the process of reviewing these procedures and making necessary revisions to allow qualified personnel to properly perform the relevant task. I request that a copy of the revised procedure be provided to staff upon completion.

Staff would like to thank PSE 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 Lex Vinsel at (360) 664-1319. Please refer to the subject matter described above in any future correspondence pertaining to this inspection.

Sincerely,



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Pipeline Safety Director

cc: Carol Wallace, Director, Gas Operations, Puget Sound Energy
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