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Dec. 28, 2016

Eric Martuscelli
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Dear Mr. Martuscelli:

**RE: 2016 Natural Gas Standard Inspection – Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (CNGC)
Yakima District – (Insp. No. 6775)**

We have reviewed your letter dated Dec. 21, 2016, in response to our notice of probable violations related to our Standard Natural Gas Inspection of your Yakima District, conducted in Sept. and Oct., 2016. Our inspection indicated four (4) areas of probable violations which in part have been adequately addressed in your response.

We accept your proposals to bring the Yakima District into compliance with the following note:

Probable violation #3 which addressed the Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) for Toppenish, Wapato, Grandview and Granger, appears to be a system wide issue that was also noted in the Walla Walla and Bellingham District inspections. Although the issue was adequately addressed in the Walla Walla District through uprating, other CNGC Districts are more complex with multiple regulator feeds and larger customer bases that may make uprating unfeasible. In these cases, CNGC's responses may require a more complex plan and/or commission order to address the MAOP issue where noted.

This inspection will be closed as of Dec. 28, 2016. Staff thanks CNGC personnel for their cooperation and professionalism during this inspection

If you have any questions or if we may be of any assistance, please contact Scott Rukke at (360) 664-1241.

Sincerely,

Alan E. Rathbun

Pipeline Safety Director

cc: Steve Kessie, Director, Operation Services, CNGC
Jeremy Ogden, Director, Engineering Services, CNGC
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