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December 5, 2016

Eric Martuscelli  
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Dear Mr. Martuscelli:

**RE: 2016 Natural Gas Standard Inspection – Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (CNG)  
Walla Walla District – (Insp. No. 6777)**

We have reviewed your letter dated November 4, 2016, in response to our notice of probable violations related to our standard natural gas inspection of your Walla Walla District, conducted August 1-4, 2016. Our inspection indicated five (5) areas of probable violations which we feel you have adequately addressed in your response.

We accept your proposals to bring the Walla Walla district into compliance with the following note:

Probable violation #5, which addressed the Maximum Allowable Operating Pressures (MAOP) for Walla Walla and College Place, appears to be a system wide issue that was noted in subsequent district inspections conducted after Walla Walla. Although this issue was adequately addressed in the Walla Walla District through uprating, other CNG districts are more complex with multiple regulator feeds and larger customer bases that may make uprating unfeasible. In these cases, CNG's responses to the subsequent district inspections may require a more complex plan and/or commission order to address the MAOP issue where noted.

This inspection will be closed as of December 5, 2016. Staff thanks CNG's personnel for their cooperation and professionalism during this inspection.

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

Sincerely,

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Pipeline Safety Director

cc: Steve Kessie, Director, Operation Services, CNGC  
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