

Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety  
Meeting Minutes  
Utilities and Transportation Commission  
621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey, WA 98503  
Via Teams  
**May 18, 2022**

**Present members:**

Jerome Delvin, Chair  
Leanne Guier, Vice-Chair  
Albert Chang  
Greg Baruso  
Karen Cash

**Absent members:**

Aaron Losik  
Donna Albert  
Andreas Kammereck  
Bill Caram

**Other attendees:**

Sean Mayo, UTC Pipeline Safety Program  
Debbie Becker, UTC Pipeline Safety Program  
Joice Hagen, UTC Pipeline Safety Program  
Scott Zimmerman, Dept. of Ecology

**Agenda Items:**

- 1) **Welcome, Meeting Protocols, Introduction, and March 16, 2022 Minutes**  
The meeting was brought to order by Jerome Delvin who welcomed all attendees. Due to a lack of quorum, the review and approval of the March 16, 2022 meeting minutes were tabled until the next meeting.
- 2) **Member Resignation**  
Committee member, Phillip Lemley, is in the process of submitting his resignation to the Governor's office. He is moving out of state and will no longer be able to serve.
- 3) **Dept. of Ecology Update**  
Members interested in attending spill drills should contact Scott Zimmerman for the relevant information. *The written report from Ecology is posted on the CCOPS website and can be found [here](#).*
- 4) **UTC Update**  
Sean Mayo briefed the Committee on the following:  
Agency Level:
  - UTC has opened to the public on an individual appointment-only basis. All visitors are required to have an appointment. More reopening news to come.

Program Level:

- Rell Koizumi left the program on March 31, 2022. Agency will be advertising to fill her position in the coming weeks.
- Since the last meeting, the Staff has completed 7 scheduled inspections, 69 unannounced inspections, and 160 facility inspections.
- Responded to 22 incident calls.

PHMSA Level:

- In 2022, PHMSA and State Inspectors began reviewing Operator plans to address the elimination of hazardous leaks and the minimization of releases of natural gas. These inspections are referred to as Section 114 inspections.

5) **Damage Prevention Update**

Debbie Becker briefed the Committee on the following:

- Joice Hagen, damage prevention investigator has completed 20 enforcement actions totaling \$30,700. There are 3 cases waiting for responses and 9 cases currently pending an investigation.
- Lynda Holloway, damage prevention outreach specialist has successfully held 4 locator training events. The trainings were held in Bremerton, Longview, and two in Ferndale.

Action Items:

- Jerome Delvin will email the members of the workgroup to set meeting dates.
- The next Meeting should have a session to discuss the work starting after July. Including reaching out to municipalities and planning commissions in support of outreach efforts the committee has been working on over the last two years.
- Debbie Becker will update the member's list on the CCOPS Trifold.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.