

Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety

Meeting Minutes

Utilities and Transportation Commission

621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey, WA 98503

Via Teams

May 30, 2023**Present members:**Leanne Guier, Chair
Donna Albert, Vice-Chair
Jerome Delvin
Albert Chang
Greg Baruso**Absent members:**Andreas Kammereck
Michael Hatchett
Aaron Losik**Other attendees:**David Danner, UTC Chair
Marina Rathbun, UTC Pipeline Safety Program Operations Manager
Dennis Ritter, UTC Pipeline Safety Program Chief Engineer
John Trier, UTC Pipeline Safety Program Management Analyst
Scott Zimmerman, Dept. of Ecology**Agenda Items:**

- 1) **Welcome, Meeting Protocols, Introduction, and March 16, 2022 Minutes**
At 9:31 a.m. the meeting was brought to order by Leanne Guier who welcomed all attendees. Members and guests were introduced. In a unanimous vote, the Committee adopted the March 15, 2023 meeting minutes as written.
- 2) **Action Item Review**
John Trier went over prior meeting action items that would be addressed during the meeting in the UTC Update portion. Donna Albert provided a report of the discussion from the Outreach subcommittee and MRSC model rules. In addition she discussed sending a letter in support of the Pipeline Safety Trust's testimony to legislators. The committee agreed to put a discussion about the letter onto the July meeting agenda after reviewing the testimony provided.

ACTION ITEM: John Trier will distribute a copy of the PST testimony to committee members after the meeting for review prior to the July meeting.
- 3) **Election of Vice-Chair**
Leanne Guier nominated Albert Chang and was unanimously approved by the Committee. The current Vice-Chair Donna Albert became the Chair. The Committee thanked Leanne for her service as the outgoing Chair.

- 4) **PST Recommendation Prioritization Discussion and Workplan**
The Committee reviewed their prior discussion of the Pipeline Safety Trust testimony and discussion and determined that they had already discussed what had been planned on the agenda.
- 5) **Outreach Subcommittee Report and Discussion**
Donna Albert reviewed the April 12, 2023 Outreach Subcommittee minutes with the Committee.
- 6) **Department of Ecology Update**
Document is posted on the UTC CCOPS website. Scott Zimmerman of Ecology reported on spill contingency planning, drills, and geographic response planning. He also provide an update on Ecology's rulemaking process for Chapter 173-187 WAC – Financial Responsibility which would ensure that vessels and facility owners and operators have adequate financial resources to pay cleanup and damage costs arising from an oil spill.
- 7) **UTC Update**
 - Dennis Ritter provided an update to the Committee of recent Pipeline Safety activities and new personnel hires. He went over the UTC's involvement in the appointment process and let the Committee know that we were expecting to hear back from the Governor's office soon with appointment and reappointment information.
 - Damage Prevention update including 29 new investigations opened this year, seven penalty assessments totaling \$43,500 issued to date. Dig Safe classes in Montlake Terrace on June 7, 2023 and in Lacey at the UTC headquarters on June 22, 2023.
 - Marina Rathbun went over the future agenda review document with Committee members to discuss how it was used to review upcoming items and events for the committee. She also informed the Committee that the UTC would be soliciting applications for the non-voting industry member positions on the Committee. She let Committee Members know that once the Governor's office has completed its process it should be sending them a letter to confirm the reappointment and reminded members of the attendance requirement and absence notification requirements.
- 8) **Public Comment**
There were no members from the public present to provide comment.
- 9) **Review of Action Items, Future Action Review and Other Business**
 - John Trier provided the Committee with a copy of the 2023 FAR document and how it has been previously used.
 - Donna Albert went over the review done by the Outreach subcommittee for the PST Recommendations and added items to the July Agenda to discuss the Committee's response to those recommendations.
 - Added an item to the July Agenda for Draft 2024 Workplan construction.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.