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November 20, 2025

Gwyn Miller
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**RE: 2025 Natural Gas Operations and Maintenance Manual Inspection – Klickitat PUD –
(Insp. No. 9013)**

Dear Ms. Miller:

Staff from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (staff) conducted an Operations and Maintenance Manual inspection of Klickitat PUD (Klickitat) on October 9, 2025. This inspection included a procedures review. Our inspection indicates two probable violations as noted in the enclosed report.

Your response needed

Please review the attached report and respond in writing by December 22, 2025. The response should include how and when you plan to bring the probable violations into full compliance.

What happens after you respond to this letter?

The attached report presents staff's decision on the probable violations and does not constitute a finding of violation by the commission at this time.

After you respond in writing to this letter, there are several possible actions the commission, in its discretion, may take with respect to this matter. For example, the commission may:

- Issue an administrative penalty under [RCW 81.04.405](#); or
- Issue a complaint under [RCW 81.88.040](#), seeking monetary penalties, changes in the company's practices, or other relief authorized by law, and justified by the circumstances. Any pipeline company that violates any pipeline safety provision of any commission order, or any rule in this chapter including those rules adopted by reference, or chapter [81.88](#) RCW is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$272,926 for each violation for each day that the violation persists. The maximum civil penalty for a related series of violations is \$2,729,245; or

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- Consider the matter resolved without further commission action.

We have not yet decided whether to pursue a penalty or complaint in this matter. Should the commission decide to assess a penalty or initiate a complaint, your company will have an opportunity to respond and formally present its position.

If you have any questions or if we may be of any assistance, please contact Jason Hoxit at (360) 870-8406. Please refer to the subject matter described above in any future correspondence pertaining to this inspection.

Sincerely,

Dennis Ritter

Acting Director, Pipeline Safety

cc: Leonard Swift, Site Supervisor, Klickitat PUD
Doug Erickson, Compliance Program Manager, Everline

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2025 Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Inspection
Klickitat PUD

The following probable violations of Chapter WAC 480-93 were noted as a result of the 2025 Operations and Maintenance Manual inspection of Klickitat PUD (Klickitat). The inspection included a review of procedures.

PROBABLE VIOLATIONS

1. **WAC 480-93-160 Reporting requirements of proposed construction.**

- (1) *Each gas pipeline company must file a proposed construction report with the commission at least forty-five days prior to construction or replacement of any segment of a gas transmission pipeline equal to or greater than one hundred feet in length. Emergency repairs are exempt from this section.*

Finding(s):

Klickitat does not have a process to file a proposed construction report for construction or replacement of any segment of gas transmission pipeline of at least 100 feet in length.

2. **WAC 480-93-200 Reporting requirements.**

- (10) *Each gas pipeline company must file with the commission the following annual reports no later than March 15th for the preceding calendar year:*
- (b) *A report detailing all construction defects and material failures resulting in leakage. Each gas pipeline company must categorize the different types of construction defects and material failures anticipated for their system. The report must include the following:*
- (i) *Types and numbers of construction defects; and*
- (ii) *Types and numbers of material failures.*

Finding(s):

Klickitat does not have a process to submit timely and complete reports of construction defects and material failures that resulted in leaks.