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November 20, 2025

Gwyn Miller
General Manager
Klickitat PUD
1313 S Columbus Ave
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RE: 2025 Natural Gas Public Awareness Inspection – Klickitat PUD – (Insp. No. 9014)

Dear Ms. Miller:

Staff from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (staff) conducted a Public Awareness inspection of Klickitat PUD (Klickitat) from October 8 to October 9, 2025. This inspection included a procedures and records 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
- Consider the matter resolved without further commission action.

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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

UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
2025 Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Inspection
Klickitat PUD

The following probable violations of Title 49 CFR Part 192 and RCW 19.122 were noted as a result of the 2025 Public Awareness inspection of Klickitat PUD (Klickitat). The inspection included a random selection of records, operation and maintenance activities, public awareness and damage prevention activities, and emergency response.

PROBABLE VIOLATIONS

1. **49 CFR § 192.614 Damage prevention program.**

(c) *The damage prevention program required by paragraph (a) of this section must, at a minimum:*

(5) *Provide for temporary marking of buried pipelines in the area of excavation activity before, as far as practical, the activity begins.*

Finding(s):

Klickitat did not have records for five locate tickets (21456948, 22100071, 23031524, 24001939, 24166199) found on One Call Concepts ITIC website (ITIC) during 2021-2024 for which Klickitat was a notified member. The results in ITIC for Klickitat on these tickets show "Does not report."

Klickitat failed to respond to four locate tickets (24284440, 24284441, 24284442, 24284443) in 2024. The results in ITIC for Klickitat on these tickets show "Not yet responded."

2. **RCW 19.122.030 Excavator and facility operator duties before excavation.**

(4)(a) *A facility operator must provide information to an excavator pursuant to subsection (3) of this section no later than the work-to-begin date on the notice provided for in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, unless otherwise agreed by written agreement between the facility operator and excavator.*

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