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July 2, 2025

Pat Darras
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Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
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RE: 2025 Natural Gas Standard Records and Field Inspection – Cascade Natural Gas Corporation – Yakima, WA District (Insp. No. 8999)

Dear Mr. Darras:

Staff from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (staff) conducted a Standard Records and Field Inspection of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's (CNGC) Yakima, WA District from May 6, 2025, to June 11, 2025. This inspection included a records review and inspection of pipeline facilities.

Our inspection indicates one area of concern as noted in the enclosed report, which unless corrected, could potentially lead to future violation of state and/or federal pipeline safety rules.

Your response needed

Please review the attached report and respond in writing by August 4, 2025. The response should include how and when you plan to bring the area of concern into full compliance.

What happens after you respond to this letter?

The attached report presents staff's decision on the area of concern and does not constitute a finding of probable violation by the staff at this time if the issue is resolved within 90 days of discovery.

If this issue is not resolved within 90 days, this matter may result in the issuance of a notice of probable violation.

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If you have any questions or if we may be of any assistance, please contact Dave Cullom at (360) 489-8684. Please refer to the subject matter described above in any future correspondence pertaining to this inspection.

Sincerely,

Scott Rukke
Director, Pipeline Safety

Enclosure

cc: Colby Lundstrom, Manager, Compliance and Operations Programs, CNGC
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2025 Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Inspection
Cascade Natural Gas Corporation – Yakima, WA

The following area of concern of Title 49 CFR Part 192 and WAC 480-93 were noted as a result of the 2025 inspection of the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation – Yakima, WA District (Insp. No. 8999). The inspection included a random selection of records, operation and maintenance (O&M), emergency response, inventory, and field inspection of the pipeline facilities.

AREA OF CONCERN

1. WAC 480-93-110 Corrosion Control

- (2) *Each gas pipeline company must complete remedial action within ninety days to correct any cathodic protection deficiencies known and indicated by any test, survey, or inspection. An additional thirty days may be allowed for remedial action if due to circumstances beyond the gas pipeline company's control the company cannot complete remedial action within ninety days. Each gas pipeline company must be able to provide documentation to the commission indicating that remedial action was started in a timely manner and that all efforts were made to complete remedial action within ninety days. (Examples of circumstances allowing each gas pipeline company to exceed the ninety-day time frame include right of way permitting issues, availability of repair materials, or unusually long investigation or repair requirements.)*

49 CFR §192.463 External corrosion control: Cathodic protection.

- (a) *Each cathodic protection system required by this subpart must provide a level of cathodic protection that complies with one or more of the applicable criteria contained in appendix D of this part. If none of these criteria is applicable, the cathodic protection system must provide a level of cathodic protection at least equal to that provided by compliance with one or more of these criteria.*

Finding(s):

The rectifier at: S. 30TH & BONNIE DOON, YAKIMA (47968-RE-1115435) is not functioning properly and is scheduled to be replaced in July. Confirmation that this will be remedied and notice of when the work is completed is requested.