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May 8, 2014

Booga K. Gilbertson
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Dear Ms. Gilbertson,

RE: 2104 Natural Gas Standard Inspection – Puget Sound Energy - Pierce County

Staff from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (staff) conducted a standard inspection from April 7 - 25, 2014 of Puget Sound Energy's, (PSE), Pierce County. An exit interview was held in Bellevue on April 30, 2014. The inspection included a records review and inspection of the pipeline facilities.

I am pleased to report that no apparent violations were noted as a result of the inspection. Staff did note two areas of concern, which unless corrected, could lead to future violations of state or federal pipeline safety rules.

During the field inspection, one area of evaluation was PSE's steep slope patrols. The following issues were noted as part of that evaluation:

1. Edgewood: several large Douglas fir trees were noted growing over the pipeline on the steep slope. PSE should evaluate whether this condition would compromise the pipeline should one or more of these trees blow over during a windstorm.
2. Orting: the homeowner at the top of the slope has routed a drain line to the head of the slope which showed signs of erosion over the top of PSE's pipeline. PSE should evaluate whether this condition would compromise the pipeline should it be allowed to continue along the present drainage course.



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Your response needed

Please review the attached report and respond in writing to our areas of concern by June 13, 2014.

Staff would like to thank PSE's personnel for their professionalism and cooperation during this inspection.

If you have any questions, or if we may be of any assistance, please contact Dennis Ritter at (360) 664-1159. Please refer to the subject matter described above in any future correspondence pertaining to this inspection.

Sincerely,



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Pipeline Safety Director

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