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November 17, 2017

Eric Martuscelli
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Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
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Kennewick, WA 99336

RE: 2017 Natural Gas Control Room Management Inspection – Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Headquarters – (Insp. No. 7244)

Dear Mr. Martuscelli:

Staff from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (staff) conducted a Control Room Management (CRM) inspection on Oct. 24-25, of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's Headquarters. The inspection included a CRM procedure review, a records review, and inspection of the control room 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 Dec. 19. 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 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 Lex Vinsel at (360) 664-1319. Please refer to the subject matter described above in any future correspondence pertaining to this inspection.

Sincerely,



Sean C. Mayo
Pipeline Safety Director

Enclosure

cc: Mike Eutsey, Director, Operations Services, CNGC
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**UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
2017 Natural Gas Control Room Management Inspection
Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Headquarters**

The following area of concern of Title 49 CFR Part 192 were noted as a result of the 2017 Natural Gas Control Room Management (CRM) inspection of the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (CNGC), Headquarters. The inspection included a CRM procedure review, a records review, and inspection of the control room facilities.

AREA OF CONCERN

1. **49 CFR §192.631(h) Control Room Management**
(h)Training. Each operator must establish a controller training program and review the training program content to identify potential improvements at least once each calendar year, but at intervals not to exceed 15 months.

Finding(s):

CNGC was unable to produce records proving that the required yearly review of the training program content occurred in 2015 and 2016.