

Williams Gas Pipeline-West (Williams) Incident Communication
December 19, 2003

A natural gas pipeline incident occurred on December 13, near Toledo, Washington. In response to this incident, the owner of the pipeline, Williams Gas Pipeline-West (Williams) has been ordered by the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) to immediately reduce operating pressure and begin further investigation of the pipeline. Here is a summary of the current situation:

- Williams is an interstate gas transmission company that operates a series of pipelines that transports natural gas to Cascade and others.
- Williams has been ordered by OPS to immediately reduce operating pressure in one of their pipelines that serves several Cascade communities. These communities are also connected to a parallel pipeline not affected by this order.
- Cascade has not been ordered to make any changes to our distribution system.
- Neither Cascade nor Williams is related to Olympic Pipeline, which transports liquid fuel, such as gasoline.
- Cascade anticipates no interruption to service to our residential and commercial customers.
- For further information please visit the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commissions website at <http://wutc.wa.gov>.