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Dear Mr. Subsits:

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has reviewed your letter dated April 28, 2016, notifying us that, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 60118(d), the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), granted a waiver to Puget Sound Energy (PSE) for relief from 49 CFR 193.2167, which prohibits covered impounding systems for Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG).

PHMSA has no objections to the issued waiver, but does ask that UTC return to us a copy of the final signed order given to PSE.

My staff would be pleased to discuss this decision or any other pipeline safety matter with you. Mr. John Gale, Director, Standards and Rulemaking Division, may be contacted at 202-366-4959 on regulatory matters, and Mr. Kenneth Lee, Director, Engineering and Research Division, may be contacted at 202-366-2694 on technical matters specific to this decision.

Sincerely,

Alan K. Mayberry
Acting Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety