

March 22, 1971

Mr. William F. Howard  
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El Paso Natural Gas Company  
El Paso, Texas 79999

Dear Mr. Howard:

The Board of Commissioners of Cowlitz County, State of Washington has written us expressing concern about the compatibility of your transmission line construction plans in that county with a comprehensive plan which the county has adopted for future development. Enclosed with their letter was a copy of a letter from you, dated February 19, 1971, to Mr. & Mrs. Oliver R. Proud of Kelso, Washington, concerning your plans for uprating your existing 26" pipe in the event of a change in class location and, as your letter states "the 30" pipe line, when constructed and placed in operation, will meet Class 3 requirements of the Department of Transportation." We would appreciate more precise information as to your design, construction, operation and maintenance plans for the 30" pipe so that we may write an adequate reply to the County Commissioners.

Sincerely,

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Joseph C. Caldwell  
Director  
Office of Pipeline Safety