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Independent.
In the public interest.

# 2006 Annual Report



The **Pipeline Safety Trust's** mission is to promote fuel transportation safety through education and advocacy, by increasing access to information, and by building partnerships with residents, safety advocates, government, and industry, that result in safer communities and a healthier environment.

### What We Did In 2006

### Congressional Reauthorization of the Federal Pipeline Safety Program

In 2006 Congress passed and the President signed the Pipeline Inspection, Protection, and Enforcement Act. The Pipeline Safety Trust was asked to testify to the U.S. House and Senate four times over the course of the year. The Trust worked with congressional staff to ensure that the following significant provisions were included in the new law:

- ✓ Regulatory coverage of all low stress pipelines,
- ✓ Ensuring that distribution pipelines fall under integrity management rules,
- ✓ Increasing funding to states for greater damage prevention activities
- Providing greater transparency on PHMSA's enforcement program,
- ✓ Mandating the use of excess flow valves,
- Requiring a report on possible inadequacies in current leak detection systems, and
- ✓ Providing technical assistance grants to affected communities.



# Restoring Trust in Pipeline Safety – National Conference – New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2006



In 2006 the Pipeline Safety Trust hosted perhaps the most unique pipeline safety conference to come along in years. What made it unique was the equal mix of experience from the affected public, the pipeline industry, and government regulators, all of whom came together to discuss barriers to safer pipelines. Over 115 people attended from 27 states, 3 Canadian provinces, and 1 Caribbean country.

#### Continued to Provide Independent Information

Facilitated the Safe Pipelines national listsery with over 275 members and 2500

messages posted in 2006.

Facilitated the LNG Safety listserv with over 225 members and 900 messages posted in 2006.

> Operated the largest independent pipeline safety website on the internet, with over 800,000 hits, and 45,000 distinct visits in 2006.

Published two editions of the Safe Pipelines newsletter, two whitepapers on pipeline issues, and co-sponsored at report on Land Use Planning Near Pipelines.



#### Provided a Voice for the Public Perspective

Staff served as the Chairman of the Governor appointed Washington State Citizen Committee on Pipeline Safety

Staff served as a public representative on the U.S. Department of Transportation's Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee

> Staff provided written comments on various state and federal pipeline safety

rulemaking proposals

Staff was invited to speak at numerous conferences and public meetings, and also met privately with various pipeline industry groups, regulators, and citizen organizations

The Trust organized a meeting in Bellingham for the new Administrator of PHMSA to meet various stakeholders, and tour the site of the 1999 pipeline tragedy.



#### Who We Are

#### 2006 Board of Directors:

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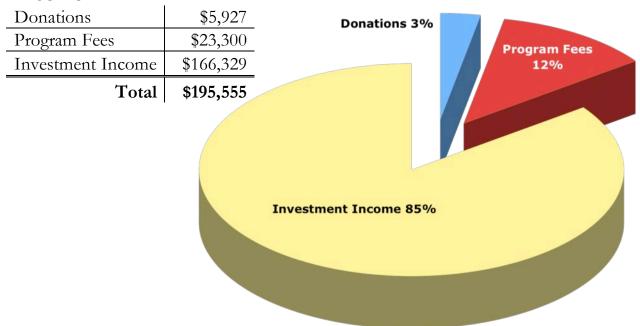
The Franklin Partnership, LLP Washington, DC

Guy Dauncey, British Columbia Sustainable Energy Association Victoria, BC

## Financial Statement

#### 2006 Income



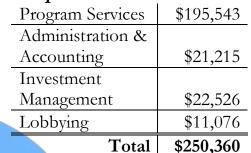


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Lobbying 4%

#### 2006 Expenses

#### **Expenses**



Administration & Accounting 8%

**Investment** 

Management 9%

**Program Services 79%** 

### **Our Investment Beliefs**



The Pipeline Safety Trust believes that the growth of our investments is key to the implementation of our mission of providing an independent, credible voice for the public on pipeline safety issues. We also believe that to the extent possible our investments should do no harm to the planet we

live on, our fellow humans, and all other living things. For these reasons we only invest in ventures that have passed a socially and

environmentally responsible screening. We also avoid investing in any company whose activities may in one way or another fall within our mission to provide oversight of.

The Pipeline Safety Trust is the only national public interest organization to focus on pipeline safety issues. It came into being based on the efforts and recommendations of citizens after the 1999 pipeline tragedy in Bellingham, Washington. In 2003, the U.S. Justice

# A Sampling of Our 2006 Investments

EVERGREEN SOLAR INC
FEDERAL NATL MTG ASSN
GREEN MTN COFFEE INC
HEADWATERS INC
HEWLETT-PACKARD CO
METAL MGMT INC
SOVRAN SELF STORAGE
SUNRISE SENIOR LIVING INC
THORNBURG MTGE INC
UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC
WEBEX INC
WILD OATS MARKETS INC

Department made a condition of the Olympic Pipe Line criminal settlement that \$4 million be designated for the start up of this independent non-profit organization to watchdog both the pipeline industry and its regulators.

If You Have Any Questions Or Suggestions

## The Pipeline Safety Trust

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