

February 17, 1971

Mr. W. F. Goffe, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Goffe:

This is in reply to your letter of February 4, 1971, concerning the application of 49 CFR, Section 192.723, requirements for leakage surveys and procedures to farm tap lines from the downstream side of a meter to the house receiving service.

Section 192.3, 49 CFR, of the minimum Federal safety standards defines a service line as a distribution line that transports gas to a customer meter set assembly from a common source of supply. It is our contention that under this regulation the burden is on the operator to ascertain the safe condition of the customer service lines to which gas is delivered.

If we can be of any further assistance, do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

/signed/

Joseph C. Caldwell  
Director, Acting  
Office of Pipeline Safety