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Mr. Dan Crace
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Dear Mr. Crace:

This responds to your letter of September 24, 1976, to our Western Regional Office, asking whether the Federal gas pipeline safety standards in 49 CFR Part 192 apply to pipelines located downstream from a meter in a cooperative housing project. Your letter indicates that the residents of the project are members of the cooperative. As members, the residents share ownership of the pipelines and the costs of purchasing and delivering the gas to themselves.

Section 102.3 provides that the Federal standards apply to pipelines used in the transportation of gas to a customer meter or the connection to a customer's piping, whichever is farther downstream. A customer meter is a meter which measures the transfer of gas to the consumer of the gas. In the cooperative housing project which you describe, the members of the cooperative are consumers of the gas. Thus, the meter which transfers gas to the cooperative is a "customer meter." Since the cooperative owns the piping downstream from the meter, in accordance with Section 192.3, the jurisdiction of Part 192 does not apply to the piping owned by the cooperative.

We trust this satisfactorily responds to your inquiry.

Sincerely,

Cesar DeLeon
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