

July 17, 1996

Mr. David L. Rauch  
Executive Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Mr. Rauch:

We have considered the waiver granted to Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) by the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) dated May 29, 1996. The waiver granted by the MPSC waived compliance with the definition of "main" in 49 CFR 192.3 for distribution lines of MGE that extend onto private property and serve no more than two adjacent, private, single-family residences separated by a property line. These distribution lines would be considered "service lines" and would be subject to the pipeline safety regulations pertaining to service lines.

We have no objection to the waiver from a safety standpoint. The circumstances are comparable to those of previous waivers we approved that were granted to the Arizona Corporation Commission in 1989, the Public Service Commission of Nevada in 1990, and the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission in 1993.

Sincerely,

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Director, Technology and Standards  
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