

Federal Aviation regulations so as to alter the transition area at Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Interested persons may participate in the proposed rule making by submitting such written data, views or arguments as they may desire. Communications should be submitted in triplicate to the Director, Central Region, Attention: Chief, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Building, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Mo. 64106. All communications received on or before September 5, 1973, will be considered before action is taken on the proposed amendment. No public hearing is contemplated at this time, but arrangements for informal conferences with Federal Aviation Administration officials may be made by contacting the Regional Air Traffic Division Chief.

Any data, views or arguments presented during such conferences must also be submitted in writing in accordance with this notice in order to become part of the record for consideration. The proposal contained in this notice may be changed in the light of comments received.

A public docket will be available for examination by interested persons in the Office of the Regional Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Building, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Mo. 64106.

Since designation of controlled airspace at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, an ILS has been installed on Runway 10 at the Cape Girardeau Municipal Airport. Accordingly, it is necessary to alter the Cape Girardeau transition area to adequately protect aircraft utilizing the new ILS approach procedure.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend Part 71 of the Federal Aviation regulations as hereinafter set forth:

In § 71.181 (38 FR 435) the following transition area is amended to read:

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 10 mile radius of Cape Girardeau Municipal Airport (latitude 37°13'30"N, longitude 89°34'10"W) within 4½ miles east and 9½ miles west of the Cape Girardeau VOR 194 radial, extending from the 10 mile radius area to 18½ miles south of the VOR; and within 4½ miles north and 9½ miles south of the Cape Girardeau VOR 279° radial, extending from the 10 mile radius area to 18½ miles west of the VOR, excluding the portion which overlies the Sikeston, Missouri transition area; and that airspace extending from 1,200 feet above the surface within 4.5 miles north and 9.5 miles south of the Cape Girardeau ILS localizer west course, extending from the LOM to 18.5 miles west of the LOM.

This amendment is proposed under the authority of section 307(a) of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. 1348), and of section 6(c) of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1655(c)).

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Acting Director, Central Region.
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Office of Pipeline Safety
[49 CFR Parts 192 and 195]

[Notice 73-1A; Docket No. OPS-23]

BENDING LIMITATIONS

Extension of Comment Period

On May 31, 1973, the Department of Transportation issued an advance notice of proposed rule making, Notice 73-1, Docket OPS-23 (38 FR 14969, June 7, 1973) proposing an amendment to Part 192 and Part 195 which would provide more realistic pipe bending limitations and to make the standards in this regard for gas and liquid pipelines consistent insofar as practicable.

The date for return of comments was set as August 6, 1973. Since the Pipeline Contractors Association, American Petroleum Institute (API) and the Independent Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA) on behalf of their respective memberships have asked for an extension of time to adequately prepare and submit comments, and since these organizations represent a large segment of operators and contractors who would be affected by a rule change in this area, the date for submission of comments on Notice 73-1 is extended to August 30, 1973.

This notice is issued under the authority of section 3 of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 (49 U.S.C. 1672), sections 831-835 of Title 18, United States Code, section 6(e) (4) of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1655(e) (4)), § 1.58(d) of the regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation (49 CFR 1.58(d)), and the redelegation of authority to the Director, Office of Pipeline Safety, set forth in Appendix A to Part 1 of the regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation (49 CFR Part 1).

Issued in Washington, D.C., on August 1, 1973.

JOSEPH C. CALDWELL,
Director,
Office of Pipeline Safety.
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FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION

[18 CFR Part 2]

[Docket No. R-405]

RELIABILITY OF ELECTRIC AND GAS SERVICE

Order Updating Nationwide Investigation

AUGUST 1, 1973.

In our notice of investigation and proposed rulemaking with respect to devel-

oping emergency plans which was issued in this docket on November 4, 1970, we sought with regard to the natural gas industry to elicit information so as to enable us to assess the adequacy and reliability of the gas supply and deliverability to meet consumer demand for the oncoming winter season and four winters following. Evidence of anticipated curtailment of necessary service has impelled the Commission to take continuing affirmative steps in the public interest to obtain reliable factual information regarding the sources of available gas and the facilities existing and planned to deliver such gas to meet consumer demands and to determine the terms and conditions of a rule or rules necessary to avoid or minimize the consequences of any emergencies that may develop. On September 12, 1972, the Commission issued an order updating its investigation. Amendments of the Commission's regulations proposed in this docket are still under Commission consideration.

Pursuant to this action and in the implementation thereof the Commission directed all of the large gas producers whose individual jurisdictional sales of natural gas totalled in excess of 10 million Mcf annually to respond thereto on forms designed to elicit the information necessary for Commission consideration. The responses were designed to cover separately the time frames set forth in the notice and in the updated order.

The responses received pursuant to said orders have been particularly useful to the Commission in enabling it to assess problems which have arisen as a result of shortages in the gas supply and to take steps designed to meet them.

To enable the Commission to have a better understanding of the problems prevailing in the industry, data almost identical in form to that previously supplied should be submitted for evaluation and appropriate action. For the purpose of this continued investigation the current data should relate also to two time periods, one as of December 31, 1972, and the other as of June 30, 1973. After receipt and analysis of such information, the sources thereof may be subject to audit by the Commission's staff.

Because of steps required to be taken by the Commission pursuant to Congressional subpoena duces tecum issued June 21, 1973, our treatment of information submitted pursuant to this order cannot be accorded the confidentiality heretofore authorized and honored by the Commission. The Commission's orders issued November 4, 1970, and September 12, 1972, providing for the nationwide investigations of reserves of natural gas directed that the reserves data submitted pursuant thereto would be held in a confidential status in accordance with the provisions of section 8(b) of the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. 717g(b), and the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b) (4) and (9).

The Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Antitrust