

of such studies to all appropriate agencies requesting them. It shall coordinate and approve EMP telecommunications tests and studies, and shall keep the Office of Telecommunications Policy informed regarding such tests and studies being conducted and planned.

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Title 49—TRANSPORTATION

Chapter I—Hazardous Materials Regulations Board, Department of Transportation

[Amdt. 192-6; Docket No. OPS-3E]

PART 192—TRANSPORTATION OF NATURAL AND OTHER GAS BY PIPELINE: MINIMUM FEDERAL SAFETY STANDARDS

Odorization of Gas in Transmission Lines

The purpose of this amendment is to extend, from January 1, 1972, to September 1, 1972, the latest date until which the interim minimum Federal safety standards applying to gas odorization may be kept in effect in those States now requiring the odorization of gas in transmission lines.

On November 6, 1970, the Department issued Amendment 192-2, revising paragraph (a) of § 192.625 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations and adding a new paragraph (g) to that section (35 F.R. 17335, November 11, 1970). This amendment kept the interim standards applying to odorization in effect, in those States whose interim standards required the odorization of gas in transmission lines, until January 1, 1972, or the date upon which the distribution companies odorize gas in accordance with paragraphs (a) through (f) of § 192.625, whichever occurred earlier.

In the preamble to Amendment 192-2, the Department stated that it " * * * wishes to determine how many distribution companies in those States will be affected by the elimination of the requirement, the extent of the additional action that must be undertaken by them, the length of time it will take them to assume these new functions, and the costs. It also desires to make a more thorough evaluation of the safety benefits of transmission line odorization."

Accordingly, the problem was studied by the Department during the year 1971. However, the information received conflicts in many respects with the information submitted as a result of the original notice of proposed rule making on § 192.625 (35 F.R. 5482, April 2, 1970) and the informal public hearing that was held on September 17, 1970. This is particularly true with regard to the characteristics of various odorants, such as corrosiveness, durability in soil, etc. The Department has not yet arrived at acceptable answers regarding the effect of

these characteristics on the use of odorants in transmission lines, and their contribution to safety in densely populated areas. Consequently, it has become apparent that there is a need for additional study before the interim standards are revoked in those States requiring odorization in transmission lines.

In order to allow sufficient time for the resolution of these problems, the interim standards for odorization of gas transmission lines, in each State now requiring that odorization, will be extended until September 1, 1972, or until the date upon which the distribution companies in that State have actually taken over the odorization of gas in mains and service lines in accordance with the requirements of § 192.625, whichever is earlier. Until that time, gas in transmission lines must continue to be odorized in those States. The additional 9 months should allow sufficient time to resolve the conflicting information that has been developed during the study.

Although section 3 of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 provides that no State agency may adopt or continue in force additional or more stringent standards applicable to interstate transmission facilities after the Federal safety standards become effective, the Federal standards are minimum standards and an operator may voluntarily exceed them. Thus, after September 1, 1972 (or the earlier date, if applicable), in those States where transmission companies are equipped to odorize their lines, and actually do so at the present time, they may continue to do so, even in the absence of Federal requirements.

Since the regulatory provisions that are affected by this amendment are in effect, and since this amendment will impose no additional burden on any person, I find that notice and public procedure thereon are impractical and unnecessary and that good cause exists for making it effective on less than 30 days notice.

In consideration of the foregoing, § 192.625 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended by revising subparagraph (g) (1) to read as follows:

§ 192.625 Odorization of gas.

* * * * *

(g) * * *

(1) September 1, 1972; or

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This amendment is issued under the authority of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 (49 U.S.C. section 1671 et seq.), Part 1 of the Regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation (49 CFR Part 1), and the delegation of authority to the Director, Office of Pipeline Safety, dated November 6, 1968 (33 F.R. 16468.)

Issued in Washington, D.C., on December 28, 1971.

JOSEPH C. CALDWELL,
Acting Director,
Office of Pipeline Safety.

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Chapter X—Interstate Commerce Commission

SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

[S.O. 1030, Amdt. 10]

PART 1033—CAR SERVICE

Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Co. Authorized To Operate Over Tracks of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway Co.

At a session of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Railroad Service Board, held in Washington, D.C., on the 13th day of December 1971.

Upon further consideration of Service Order No. 1030 (34 F.R. 11211, 15250; 35 F.R. 5334, 10661, 15294; 36 F.R. 5978, 11999, 19370), and good cause appearing therefor:

It is ordered, That: § 1033.1030 Service Order No. 1030 (Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Co. authorized to operate over tracks of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway Co.) be, and it is hereby, amended by substituting the following paragraph (e) for paragraph (c) thereof:

(e) *Expiration date.* This order shall expire at 11:59 p.m., June 30, 1972, unless otherwise modified, changed, or suspended by order of this Commission.

Effective date. This amendment shall become effective at 11:59 p.m., December 31, 1971.

(Secs. 1, 12, 15, and 17(2), 24 Stat. 379, 383, 384, as amended; 49 U.S.C. 1, 12, 15, and 17 (2). Interprets or applies secs. 1(10-17), 15 (4), and 17(2), 40 Stat. 101, as amended, 54 Stat. 911; 49 U.S.C. 1(10-17), 15(4), and 17(2).)

It is further ordered, That a copy of this amendment shall be served upon the Association of American Railroads, Car Service Division, as agent of all railroads subscribing to the car service and car hire agreement under the terms of that agreement, and upon the American Short Line Railroad Association; and that notice of this order be given to the general public by depositing a copy in the Office of the Secretary of the Commission at Washington, D.C., and by filing it with the Director, Office of the Federal Register.

By the Commission, Railroad Service Board.

[SEAL] ROBERT L. OSWALD,
Secretary.

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[S.O. 1042, Amdt. 5]

PART 1033—CAR SERVICE

Chicago and North Western Railway Co. Authorized To Operate Over Tracks of the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad Co.

At a session of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Railroad Service