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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
Governor Office Building
PO Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Dear Mr. Roberts:

We have considered the Commission's order of April 25, 2002, granting the Laclede Gas Company a waiver from the definition of "main" in 49 CFR 192.3. The waiver applies to any distribution line that extends from a main onto private property and supplies gas to no more than two residential building customers.

The effect of the waiver is to reclassify these distribution lines as "service lines" so they do not have to be buried as deep as mains. Because the waiver is comparable to other State waivers we have approved for branch service lines serving contiguous lots, we have no objection to the waiver.

Sincerely,

Stacey L. Gerard
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

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