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Mr. Glenn D. Smith
Chief of Gas Operations and Rates
Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
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Dear Mr. Smith:

We have considered your letter of April 25, 1995, notifying us of a waiver the Commission granted Midwest Energy, Inc. The waiver reclassifies from main to service line certain meter manifolds and other gas piping that connects the manifolds to mains. With this reclassification, Midwest may include in the piping aboveground anodeless risers as permitted by 49 CFR § 192.375(a). Except for the manifold, the piping covered by the waiver is similar to usual service line installations. Since the pressure in the anodeless riser and the risk of installing it above ground level is not affected by the manifold, we have no objection to the waiver.

Sincerely,

Cesar DeLeon
Deputy Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety