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Mr. James S. Stites
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South Carolina Public Service Commission
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Dear Mr. Stites:

We have considered your letter of October 24, 1995, notifying us that the Commission granted certain operators of intrastate gas transmission lines in South Carolina a waiver from complying with 49 CFR 192.485 and 192.713(a) in particular circumstances. The waiver permits the operators to repair non-leaking defects on steel transmission lines with Clock Spring[®] wrap, subject to conditions and future performance evaluations.

We have no objection to the waiver. It is consistent with a similar waiver we granted operators of interstate gas transmission lines (60 FR 10630); February 27, 1995).

Sincerely,

Richard B. Felder
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety