Mr. Jon F. Jacquot Engineering Supervisor Wyoming Public Service Commission Suite 300 Hansen Building 2515 Warren Avenue Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear Mr. Jacquot:

We have considered your letter of May 13, 1997, notifying us that the Wyoming Public Service Commission has granted the Northern Gas Company a waiver from complying with 49 CFR 192.485 and 192.713(a) when repairing imperfections and damages in steel pipe. The waiver permits repair with Clock Spring[®] wrap, a composite material that is tightly wound and adhesively bonded to pipe.

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