

**Research and
Special Programs
Administration**

May 26, 1995

Mr. Dennis Crawford
Program Manager
Utility Division
Montana Public Service Commission
1701 Prospect Avenue
Helena, Montana 59620-2601

Dear Mr. Crawford:

This is in response to your letter of April 21, 1995, in which you seek approval from the Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) Office of Pipeline Safety of a waiver for West Yellowstone Gas Company (WYG), a division of Great Falls Gas Company (GFG) for a proposed Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) storage facility at West Yellowstone, Montana. Your letter advises that the Montana Public Service Commission has granted GFG a waiver of certain provisions of 49 CFR Part 193 and that the waiver would allow WYG to operate and maintain a portable LNG pipeline unit at West Yellowstone, Montana, until the permanent facility is completed during calendar year 1995.

Your Commission, at the advise of Quest Consultants, Inc., of Norman, Oklahoma, has granted the WYG's request for a waiver of Part 193 subject to a list of conditions described in 'Exhibit A' attached with the report to the Commission's order.

Based on the reasons presented in your waiver request, and the conditions placed on WYG during the use of a portable LNG facility until construction of a permanent facility is completed, we do not object to the waiver of those provisions of 49 CFR Part 193 as specified under the waiver request.

Sincerely,

Cesar DeLeon
Deputy Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety