

July 6, 1995

Mr. Joseph T. Finnan
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Dear Mr. Finnan:

This is in response to your letter of May 31, 1995, and fax of July 5, 1995, in which you seek the Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) approval of a waiver for Honesdale Gas Company (HGC), for a mobile Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) equipment at Honsdale, Pennsylvania.

Your letter advises that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission has granted HGC a waiver of certain provisions of 49 CFR Part 193. The waiver would allow HGC to operate and maintain a mobile LNG equipment connected to the distribution system at Honsdale, Pennsylvania, while the transmission line supplying gas to the Honsdale area is out of service due to smart pigging. Your Commission has granted the HGC's request for a waiver of Part 193 subject to a list of alternate safety provisions described in the enclosed petition of HGC.

Based on the reasons presented in your grant of waiver, and the conditions placed on HGC during the use of a mobile LNG equipment while the transmission line is being serviced, OPS does not object to the grant of waiver of those provisions of 49 CFR Part 193 as specified under the waiver request.

Sincerely,

Cesar DeLeon
Deputy Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

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