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Dear Mr. Finnan:

This is in response to your letter of December 14, 1995, in which you seek the U.S. Department Of Transportation, Office of Pipeline Safety's approval of a waiver for a mobile liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility at PECO Energy Company's West Chester Operations Center, West Goshen, Pennsylvania. Your letter advises that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission has granted PECO Energy a waiver of certain provisions of 49 CFR Part 193.

The waiver allows PECO Energy to operate and maintain mobile LNG equipment connected to the distribution system at West Goshen to address an anticipated supply problem in the West Chester distribution network during the coming winter. Your Commission granted PECO Energy's waiver request subject to the alternative safety provisions described in the attached PECO Energy petition.

Based on the reasons specified in your grant of waiver, and on the conditions placed on PECO Energy during the use of a mobile LNG equipment to meet emergency load conditions in the West Chester area, the Research and Special Programs Administration does not object to the grant of waiver of those provisions of 49 CFR Part 193 specified in the waiver request.

Sincerely,

Richard B. Felder
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

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