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Mr. Harry Strahl
Acting Chief, Utilities Safety Branch
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102-3298

Dear Mr. Strahl:

We have considered your letter of September 10, 1995, notifying us that the Commission has granted all gas utilities in California a waiver from complying with 49 CFR 192.321(a), in particular circumstances. The waiver permits plastic pipe encased in steel pipe to be installed above ground on bridges subject to certain safety conditions.

We have no objection to the waiver. The circumstances are comparable to those of previous waivers we have approved permitting the installation of plastic pipe above ground on bridges.

Sincerely,

Richard B. Felder
Associate Administrator for
Pipeline Safety