

Mr. K.O. Mogensen
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Arkansas Public Service Commission
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Dear Mr. Mogensen:

We have considered your letter of July 19, 1996, to Frederick A. Joyner, notifying us that the Commission intends to grant the Arkansas Western Gas Company (AWGC) a waiver from 49 CFR 192.707(d)(1). This regulation requires that, except in heavily developed urban areas, the lettering on line markers must be at least one inch high with one-quarter inch stroke. For aboveground mains two inches or less in diameter where conventional markers are impractical, the waiver would permit AWGC to use certain adhesive decals with lettering of reduced height and stroke.

AWGC requested the waiver because, in certain areas, its conventional markers for aboveground mains have been subject to removal and vandalism. In view of this problem and your conclusion that the alternative markers will not jeopardize safety, we have no objection to the waiver.

Sincerely,

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Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

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