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Mr. Robert F. Smallcomb, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Smallcomb:

We have considered your letter of June 15, 2001, notifying us that the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications & Energy has granted the Keyspan Energy Delivery Services Company a waiver from compliance with 49 CFR Part 192, § 192.321(a). The waiver will permit the installation of 8-inch nominal diameter, SDR 13.5, PE 2406 plastic carrier pipe into a new 12-inch nominal diameter, coated, welded steel casing, in Brookline, Massachusetts. Approximately 35 feet of the plastic piping will not meet the burial requirements of § 192.321(a).

We have no objection to the waiver. The circumstances are comparable to those of previous waivers we have approved relative to § 192.321(a)..

Sincerely,
Stacey L. Gerard
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety