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Mr. T. K. Spalding, Director  
Gas Pipeline Safety Division  
West Virginia Public Service Commission  
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Mr. Spalding:

This responds to your letter of August 1, 1974, requesting an interpretation of the meaning of the term "service line" with respect to two drawings shown in the letter.

As defined in 49 CFR Part 192.3 a "service line" extends a connection to customer's piping or a customer meter whichever is farther downstream. In each drawing, the meter is farther downstream than the connection to customer's piping; and the pipeline from main to downstream side of the meter is a "service line." The customer's piping is covered by the Federal gas pipeline safety standards to the extent it lies upstream of the meter.

We trust this explanation is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

/signed/

Joseph C. Caldwell  
Director  
Office of Pipeline Safety

Mr. Joseph C. Caldwell, Director  
Office of Pipeline Safety  
Department of Transportation  
Washington, D. C. 20590

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

Re: Definition of Service Line

In the sketch below please advise whether the customer's piping in both instances is subject to the minimum federal safety standards. The meter in the top situation is at the foundation well, while in the lower situation the meter is located at the property line.

**INSERTED HERE DIAGRAM OF SKETCH**

Your very truly,

T. K. Spalding, Director  
Gas Pipeline Safety Division