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Kentucky Energy & Utility
Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Smith:

In response to your request of July 18, 1980, we have issued the enclosed interpretation of the odorization requirements applicable to service lines connected to unoderized transmission lines.

Sincerely,

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PIPELINE SAFETY REGULATORY INTERPRETATION

Note: A
pipeline safety regulatory interpretation applies a particular rule to a particular set of facts and circumstances, and, as such, may be relied upon only by those persons to whom the interpretation is specifically addressed.

SECTION: 192.625

SUBJECT: Interpretation on the odorization of a single service line served through a farm tap from a transmission line.

FACTS: A service line is used to deliver gas to a restaurant directly from a transmission line. Gas in the transmission line is not required to be odorized.

QUESTION: Does the gas in the service line have to be odorized?

INTERPRETATION: Section 192.625(a) requires that gas in distribution lines have a natural odor or be odorized to the limit prescribed. Since service lines are distribution lines, they are subject to the odorization requirements of §192.625(a). The exception from odorization provided by §192.625(b) for some transmission lines does not affect the requirement to odorize gas in distribution lines connected to an unodorized transmission line.

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