

December 27, 1974

H. R. Garabrant, P.E.
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Arizona Corporation Commission
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Dear Mr. Garabrant:

Thank you for your letter of December 9, 1974, suggesting that an enclosed line marking sign currently used by the Southwest Gas Corporation be permissible under the line marking requirements being considered by this office for distribution lines.

Line marking requirements for distribution lines were proposed by notice in the Federal Register on May 25, 1972 (copy enclosed). We expect to issue a final rule on the subject as soon as the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee prepares its report on the technical feasibility, reasonableness, and practicability of the proposed rule.

The sign appears to meet the proposed requirements in all respects except that it reads "Warning Gas Line" rather than "Warning Gas Pipeline" as proposed. If the proposed wording is adopted, the company may wish to apply for a waiver to sanction the use of the sign after the new rule is effective.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Caldwell
Director
Office of Pipeline Safety