

July 6, 1971

Mr. James L. Walker
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Dear Mr. Walker:

In response to your letter of June 29, 1971, concerning Notice 71.2, Docket No. OPS-10, we wish to point out that in the proposal for Section 192.727(c)(1), the requirement is that the valve be provided with a locking device, not that it be a lock-type valve. There may be many ways of locking a service line valve of the ordinary flat head or square head variety that would meet the intention of this proposal, which is that if the gas to a customer is to be turned off and the gas man leaves the premises, other people cannot turn the gas back on. The requirement in Section 192.727(d) to remove the customer meter specifically states that this does not apply to shutting off gas for short periods during changeover of customers.

Your procedure of using a metal disc in the meter spud sounds like a good idea and we will consider this as a possible alternate method of ensuring that gas service to a customer is not reestablished by persons other than those authorized by the operator.

We hope that this has answered your questions on this point. If you have any further questions or suggestions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

/signed/

Joseph C. Caldwell
Acting Director
Office of Pipeline Safety