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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: §§192.197(c) or (c)(1), 192.739, and 192.743

SUBJECT: Pressure regulating and relief installation in high pressure distribution systems.

FACTS: None

QUESTION #1: Are the pressure regulating and relief installations described in §192.197(c) subject to the requirements of §192.739?

ANSWER: The pressure regulating and relief installations described in §192.197 for high pressure distribution systems are those for a service line with meter and service regulator and series regulator, service regulator or other protective devices.

The requirements of §192.739 are for regulating stations such as a city gate measuring and pressure regulating station or a distribution regulator installed in a gas distribution main regulating a multiple feed distribution system.

Since the pressure regulating and relief devices described in §192.197 are neither a city gate measuring and pressure regulating station nor a distribution regulating station regulating a multiple feed distribution

system, they are not subject to the inspection and testing requirements of §192.739.

QUESTION #2: Are the relief devices described in §192.197(c)(1) and (3) subject to the requirements of §192.743?

ANSWER: For the same reasons given in the answer to question #1, the relief devices described in §192.197(c)(1) and (3) would not be subject to the testing requirements of §192.743.

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