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Mr. Thomas W. Stemrich
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Dear Mr. Stemrich:

We have considered your letter of June 22, 1998, notifying us that the Commission has granted the Wisconsin Electric Power Company a waiver from the definition of "main" in 49 CFR 192.3 for certain branch lines in Iron and Villas counties. The waiver permits the lines to be classified as service lines instead of mains, provided they serve no more than two adjacent customers and the common portions of the lines are buried to the depth required for mains.

We have no objection to the waiver. The circumstances are comparable to those of other state waivers we have approved for branch service lines serving contiguous lots.

Sincerely,

Richard B. Felder
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

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