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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

Re; Docket #PS13-004, Removal of Waiver of 49 CFR, Sections 192.285(a)(2) 192.285(c)

Crooks Municipal Gas, of the City of Crooks, SD, submits this request to remove the waiver of 49-CFR Section 192.285 (a)(2) and 192.285(c) granted by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission on August 19, 2013 in Docket # PS13-004. Crooks Municipal Gas is requesting the Commission remove this waiver as it is no longer necessary and is void by irrelevance due to a change in Pipeline Safety Regulations effective October 1, 2015.

Effective as of October 1, 2015, 49 CFR 192.285 Plastic Pipe: Qualifying persons to make joints. 192.285(c) states:

A person must be re-qualified under an applicable procedure once each calendar year at intervals not exceeding 15 months, or after "any" production joint is found unacceptable by testing under 192.513.

Crooks Municipal Gas request for a waiver in Docket #PS13-004, as authorized by the Commission allowed for the following:

1. A person must be re-qualified under an applicable procedure, at least once each calendar year at intervals not exceeding 15-months, if that person (1) does not make any joints under that procedure in the preceding calendar year: or (2) has one joint or one percent of the joints made, whichever is greater, under that procedure that are found unacceptable by testing under Section 192.513 and
2. The plastic joining requirements must be included within Crooks Municipal Gas Operations and Maintenance Manual.

Mary Zanter, the Commission's Pipeline Safety Program Manager, requested that because the federal pipeline safety regulation is now consistent with Crooks Municipal Gas's practices authorized in Docket # PS13-004, the Company should make this request because the waiver allowing for the alternative requalification schedule is no longer necessary.

This filing has been electronically submitted to the Commission in accordance with ARSD 20:10:01:02:05. Please contact me at 605-543-5238 or superintendent@cityofcrooks.net with any questions.

Sincerely,

Ginny Beck
Utility Superintendent
City of Crooks

cc; Mary Zanter