

Service Date: September 15, 1994

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF GREAT FALLS GAS)	UTILITY DIVISION
COMPANY, Application for Waiver)	
of Rules Applicable to a Liquified)	DOCKET NO. 94.8.35
Natural Gas Storage Facility at)	
West Yellowstone, Montana.)	ORDER NO. 5802

INTERIM ORDER

1. On August 30, 1994 Great Falls Gas Company (GFG) filed an application before the Public Service Commission (PSC) for waiver of requirements (waivable) pertaining to liquified natural gas (LNG) storage facilities.

2. The requested waiver applies to GFG's proposed construction of an LNG storage facility for natural gas utility service at West Yellowstone, Montana. The requirement for which waiver is requested is within 49 CFR 193, specifically 49 CFR 193.2155(c), on storage tank impounding systems.

3. Through prior GFG and PSC staff discussions concerning the proposed West Yellowstone facility and in anticipation of GFG's application, the PSC has retained Quest Consultants, Inc. (Quest), Norman, Oklahoma, to advise on the matter. After evaluation, Quest has advised that, if GFG were to request a

waiver of applicable Class 1 impounding requirements, with substitution of Class 2 impounding requirements, Quest would recommend that the PSC grant the waiver.

4. Although the PSC has not yet adopted 49 CFR 193, the PSC intends to adopt it as an integral part of its pipeline safety rules (ARM Title 38, chapter 5, sub-chapter 22) and is presently commencing rulemaking to accomplish that.

5. Upon review of the application of GFG and the draft report from Quest, the PSC finds that a waiver should be granted on an interim basis, subject to public notice and comment on GFG's application and adoption of the applicable rules.

Done and Dated this 6th day of September, 1994 by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BOB ANDERSON, Chairman

BOB ROWE, Vice Chairman

DAVE FISHER, Commissioner

NANCY MCCAFFREE, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.