

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF WILLIAMSBURG

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Re: 807 KAR 5:022 Sec. 9 (17) (A) (1)

Dear Mr. Smith:

In reference to above mentioned regulation regarding the installation of curb stopvalves, please consider the following:

The Williamsburg Housing Authority consists of several apartment units in various locations in and around the Williamsburg area. We have 237 units at those various locations.

The units in reference are located on Moore Lance, constructed in 1969, with 20 family units.

The gas piping system is primarily at the rear of the buildings and fairly close to the exterior walls.

There are cut-off valves at the meters of each apartment so is curb stops are installed, the cut-off valves would be in very close proximity of each other. If a fire or other disaster would occur, it appears that possibly neither valve would be of any value or accessible for cut-off.

We are very cognizant of the need for maximum safety for our residents and feel that with 24 hour, 7 day per week access to the apartments, cut-off valves in the mail line to isolate different areas of the project, that we are as safe as possible. We also maintain a live-in maintenance person on-site.

We do not believe that the addition of the curb stop valves would provide any additional safety advantages to our residents.

Our main lines are coated, welded steel with depths of 3 to 5 feet. The costs of installing the curb stops would be an extreme financial burden on the housing authority.

We are respectfully requesting a variance from installing the curb stop valves for reasons stated. If the commission would grant this variance, Delta Natural Gas has agreed to further discuss and consider acquiring our gas system.

Your considerations and expeditious handling of this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Boots Hamblin-Executive Director

