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§ 689.1 Definitions

When used in this Part (*16 NYCRR Part 689*), the terms set forth in this section shall be defined as follows:

(a) Subsurface telephone facilities means all underground cables, conduits, manholes or any other subsurface structures, including poles and anchors, utilized to furnish telephone service and owned or operated by any telephone company under the jurisdiction of the New York State Public Service Commission.

(b) Gas transmission facilities means gas pipelines that:

(1) Transport gas from a production or underground storage facility to a distribution center or underground storage facility; or

(2) Transport gas within a storage field, or

(3) Operate at a pressure of 125 psig or more. (See also *16 NYCRR 255.17 (d)*).

(c) Gas distribution facilities means gas pipelines other than gas transmission facilities and includes gas service lines. (See also *16 NYCRR 255.17(e)*).

(d) Gas service lines means gas pipelines that transport gas from a common source of supply to the outlet of the customer meter set assembly, or to the first fitting inside the wall of the customer's structure through which the service line enters, whichever is further upstream. (See also *16 NYCRR 255.17 (f)*).

(e) Liquid petroleum pipeline means a pipeline that either:

(1) Transports liquid petroleum from a production or storage facility to a distribution center or storage facility, or

(2) Transports petroleum within a production field, and

(3) Is certified to operate at a pressure of 200 psig or more. (See also *16 NYCRR 258.1(g)* and *258.1(j)*.)

(f) New means constructed on or after July 18, 1974 and utilized to provide services not previously provided or to supplement existing services.

§ 689.2 Clearance requirements of new telephone facilities from gas and liquid petroleum pipelines

(a) All new subsurface telephone facilities shall be constructed with a standard minimum 12 inches of clearance from gas transmission facilities.

(b) All new subsurface telephone facilities shall be constructed with a standard minimum six inches of clearance from gas distribution facilities.

(c) All new subsurface telephone facilities shall be constructed with a standard minimum 12 inches of clearance from liquid petroleum pipelines.

(d) The standard minimum clearances specified in subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of this section, when not obtainable through practical means, may be reduced to an absolute minimum of four inches, provided that such reduction is agreeable to all companies involved and that protective materials suitable to all companies are placed between the telephone and gas or liquid petroleum facilities for the entire length of such reduced clearances.

(e) All new subsurface telephone facilities shall be constructed with a standard minimum four inches of clearance from gas service lines, except that where four inches of clearance is not obtainable through practical means it may be reduced to an absolute minimum of two inches, provided such reduction is agreeable to all companies involved and that

protective materials suitable to all companies are placed between the telephone facilities and the gas service lines for the entire length of such reduced clearances.

§ 689.3 Clearance requirements of subsurface telephone facilities constructed to replace existing facilities

Telephone facilities constructed on or after July 18, 1974, to replace existing telephone facilities are subject to the clearance requirements of section 689.2 of this Part.