

199—10.1(479) General information.

10.1(1) Authority. The standards relating to intrastate gas and underground gas storage in this chapter are prescribed by the Iowa utilities board (board) pursuant to Iowa Code section 479.17.

10.1(2) Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to establish standards for a petition for a permit to construct, maintain, and operate an intrastate gas pipeline and for the underground storage of gas. In addition, the rules in this chapter set forth safety standards for the construction, maintenance, and condition of pipelines, underground storage facilities, and equipment used in connection with pipelines and facilities.

10.1(3) Definitions. Technical terms not defined in this chapter shall be as defined in the appropriate standard adopted in rule 199—10.12(479). For the administration and interpretation of this chapter, the following words and terms, when used in these rules, shall have the meanings indicated below:

“*Approximate right angle*” means within 5 degrees of a 90 degree angle.

“*Board*” means the utilities board within the utilities division of the department of commerce.

“*Multiple line crossing*” means a point at which a proposed pipeline will either overcross or undercross an existing pipeline.

“*Permit*” means a new, amended, or renewal permit issued after appropriate application to and determination by the board.

“*Pipeline*” means any pipe, pipes, or pipelines used for the intrastate transportation or transmission of any solid, liquid, or gaseous substance, except water.

“*Pipeline company*” means any person, firm, copartnership, association, corporation, or syndicate engaged in or organized for the purpose of owning, operating, or controlling pipelines for the intrastate transportation or transmission of any solid, liquid, or gaseous substance, except water.

“*Renewal permit*” means the extension and reissuance of a permit after appropriate application to and determination by the board.

“*Underground storage*” means storage of gas in a subsurface stratum or formation of the earth.

10.1(4) Railroad crossings. Where these rules call for the consent or other showing of right from a railroad for a railroad crossing, an affidavit filed by a petitioner which states that proper application for approval of railroad crossing has been made, that a one-time crossing fee has been paid as provided for in rule 199—42.3(476), and that 35 days have passed since mailing of the application and payment with no claim of special circumstance or objection from the railroad will be accepted as a showing of consent for the crossing.