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Addendum 1

4.2: *The section shall be changed to the following:*

A “gathering line” is defined as any pipeline or part of a connected series of pipelines used to:

— transport gas from the furthestmost downstream point in a production operation to the furthestmost downstream of the following end points, which physically may have intermediate deliveries that are not necessarily part of the gathering line:

- 1) the inlet of the first downstream natural gas processing plant, other than a natural gas processing plant located on a transmission line, unless the operator can demonstrate, using sound engineering principles, that gathering extends to a further downstream plant (see Figure 1);
- 2) the outlet of the furthestmost downstream gathering line gas treatment facility;
- 3) the furthestmost downstream point where gas produced in the same production field or separate production fields not more than 50 miles from each other, is commingled, unless the authorities having jurisdiction permit a longer separation distance;
- 4) the outlet of the furthestmost downstream compressor station used to increase gathering line pressure for delivery to another pipeline; or
- 5) the connection of an incidental gathering line to another pipeline downstream of:
 - a) the furthestmost downstream end point identified in (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this Section, or in the absence of such end point, the furthestmost downstream production operation;

— transport gas from a point other than in a production operation exclusively to points in or adjacent to one or more production operations or gathering facility sites for use as fuel, gas lift, or gas injection operations within those operations;

Gathering does not include a natural gas processing plant.

A pipeline constructed after the publication date of this RP may not be considered an incidental gathering line if the pipeline exceeds 10 miles in length.

Representative applications of the gathering line definition are shown and discussed in Section 5.