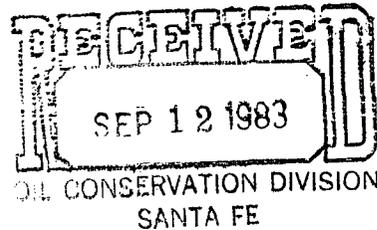


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In Re: Docket No. RM79-76-204
(New Mexico-25)
Pictured Cliffs Formation
Rio Arriba and Sandoval
Counties

Dear Ms. Duffin:

On August 1, 1983, the Commission received Northwest Pipeline Corporation's (Northwest) comments relative to the above referenced recommendation made by New Mexico that the Pictured Cliffs Formation underlying certain acreage in Sandoval and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico, be designated a tight formation. Northwest states that its comments are limited to that acreage which is part of the South Blanco Pictured Cliffs and Ballard Pictured Cliffs Pools, as those pools were established by New Mexico Order Nos. R156 and R577, respectively, and asserts that due to a significant degree of development in these areas as well as permeability data in Northwest's possession indicating an overall average permeability for 25 wells of 0.113 md., the Commission give careful consideration to exclusion of the South Blanco Pictured Cliffs and Ballard Pictured Cliffs Pools from the recommended area.

In order to fully evaluate Northwest's comments, we request that Northwest submit a description by Section, Township and Range of the areal extent of the South Blanco Pictured Cliffs and Ballard Pictured Cliffs Pools established by New Mexico Order Nos. R156 and R577, respectively. We also request that Northwest submit the permeability data referred to in its comments along with any other data Northwest considers pertinent.

Very truly yours,

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