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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

YEAR(S):

2000

MEMORANDUM OF MEETING OR CONVERSATION

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12 mil.
Free Board 1 1/2 - 2'

- d) Ground water is not less than 10 feet from the surface at the point of discharge.
 - e) The discharge does not impact adjacent property.
 - f) The discharge does not cause any fresh water supplies to be degraded or to exceed standards as set forth in Section 3103A, B, and C of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations.
 - g) A monthly report, summarizing all tests of new pipe with less than 100,000 gallons each, will be submitted to the OCD and shall contain the following information.
 - 1) Location of test-Section, Township and Range.
 - 2) Date of test.
 - 3) Volume of discharge.
 - 4) Source and quality of test water.
2. A hydrostatic test of new pipe of less than 100,000 gallons that does not meet the conditions of 2 above, or of more than 100,000 gallons will require a discharge permit approved by the OCD prior to commencement. Items to be included in the permit application include:
- a) Map showing location of the pipelines to be tested;
 - b) Description of the test;
 - c) Source and analysis of test water;
 - d) Point of discharge of the test water;
 - e) Method and location for collection and retention of fluids and solids;
 - f) Depth of ground water at discharge and collection/retention site;
 - g) Proposed method of disposal of fluids and solids after test completion including closure of any pits;
 - h) Identification of land owners at and adjacent to the discharge and collection/retention site;
 - i) Written permission from the land owner of the collection/retention site.

TRIGON SHEEHAN

ENGINEERS & CONSTRUCTORS

Your Pipeline To The Future

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To Company: OCD NM
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*Requested Hydro-Static
test letter.*

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July 14, 2000

Martyne Kielling
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Oil Conservation Division
PO Box 2088
Land Office Building
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

RE: Discharge of Hydro-Static Test Waters

Dear Martyne:

El Paso Field Services is planning to hydrostatic test its Coal Bed Methane and Van Bremmer Discharge pipelines. The two pipelines are presently under construction and will transport natural gas from El Paso Energy - Raton's gathering system. Construction of the pipelines is scheduled to be complete by July 18, 2000. The location of the pipelines is approximately 35 to 55 miles west of Raton, NM. Vermejo Park Ranch, LLC, owns the land. The landowners are aware of this work and have agreed in principal to this testing plan.

The Coal Bed Methane pipeline consists of approximately 123,300 feet of new 12" steel pipe. The Van Bremmer Discharge pipeline is approximately 6,800 feet of new 8" steel pipe. The pipelines will be tested in one closed loop. Depending on construction constraints, the two pipelines may be tested separately. The total amount of water required is 6,467 barrels. The test will be conducted at a minimum pressure of 1980 psig. Duration of the test will be 8 hours. The water to be used for the test will be produced water from El Paso Energy - Raton's coal seam gas gathering system. A copy of the water analysis is attached. The water will be disposed of in an El Paso Energy - Raton water disposal well.

If you have any questions, please call me at (970) 385-9100 ext. 133.

Sincerely,



Brett Hurlbut, PE
Mechanical Engineer

pc: Steve O'Connell, EPER