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**NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
(505) 827-7131

October 26, 1998

CERTIFIED MAIL

RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-326-936-470

Ms. Jean Arya
Public Service Company of New Mexico
Alvarado Square MS 0408
Albuquerque, NM 87158

Re: **Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge**
Sec. 23, T-28-S, R-2-E, NMPM, Dona Ana County, New Mexico
12" New Pipeline
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Arya:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) request, dated October 13, 1998, for authorization to discharge approximately 640,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of a 20 mile section of new pipeline (12" line). The proposed location for the discharge is Gardner Turf Farm located in Section 23, Township 28 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, Dona Ana County, New Mexico.

Based on the information provided in your request, the hydrostatic test water discharge is hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

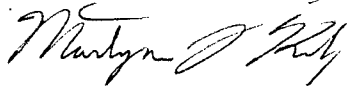
1. Permission will be obtained from the landowner(s) prior to discharge.
2. The test water will be discharged in a manner to prevent erosion.
3. The pipe must be new and never previously used for oil and/or gas transmission.
4. Fresh water will be used to conduct the test.
5. No discharged fluids will be allowed to enter a water of the U.S.

Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow PNM to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days. If the site is to be used for more than one test discharge, formal reapplication must be made. If the discharge exceeds 120 days, a formal discharge plan must be submitted for review.

Please be advised that this approval does not relieve PNM of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve PNM of liability for compliance with other laws and/or regulation.

If there are any questions, please call me at (505) 827-7153.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Martyne J. Kieling".

Martyne J. Kieling
Environmental Geologist