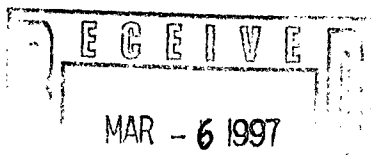


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March 5, 1997

State of New Mexico
Oil and Gas Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco
Attn. Chris Eustice
Santa Fe, NW 87505

Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge Application

Dear Mr. Eustice:

PanEnergy Field Services, Inc., (PanEnergy) is in the process of adding three pipeline segments to a natural gas gathering and processing system near Artesia, New Mexico (Figure 1). As part of the installation process the new pipeline segments have to be hydrotested. PanEnergy would like to receive permission from the State of New Mexico to discharge the test water to the ground surface at the PanEnergy Kathleen Compressor Station (Figure 2) which is located in the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. Information concerning the test and pipeline follows.

Type of pipe: new, steel
Outside diameter: 8 ⁵/₈ inch (high pressure)
8 ⁵/₈ inch (low pressure)
4 ¹/₂ inch
Volume: total 126,5000 gallons (see Attachment 1)
Source of water: Morewest Water,
Loco Hills, New Mexico
Transport: OK Hot Oil Trucking
Loco Hills, New Mexico
Length of pipe: High pressure 32,463 feet
low pressure 11,580 feet
4 inch 5,507 feet

Discharge point: ground surface at natural gas compressor station, no surface water features located nearby, erosion will be controlled with straw bales.

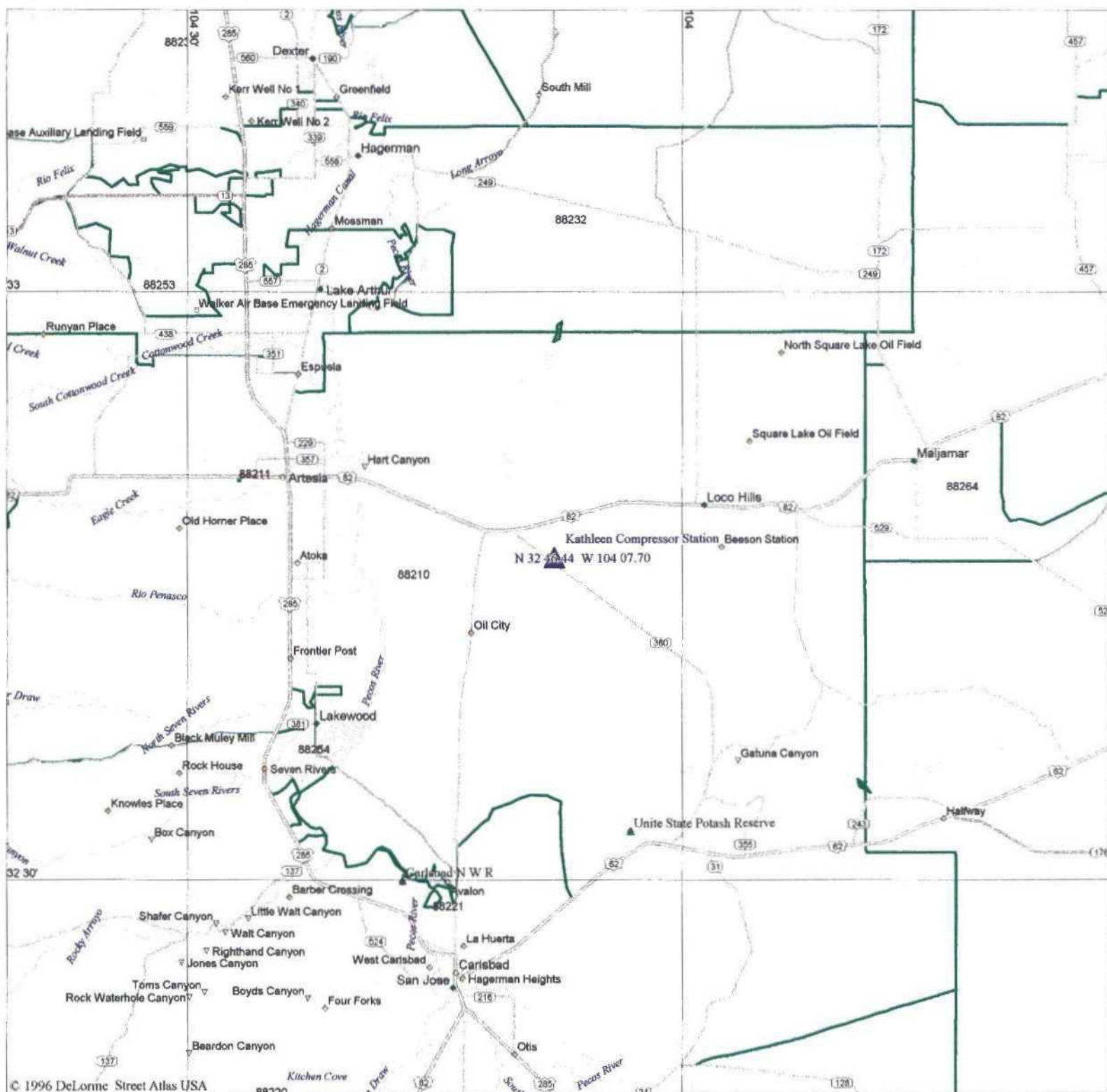
PanEnergy plans on conducting the hydrotest test during the third or fourth week of March, 1997. Discharge of the test waters would occur soon after. Therefore, your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me at (303) 605-1716.

Sincerely,

Margaret A. Ash

FIGURES

Figure 1 - Site Location



Mag 10.00
Wed Mar 05 09:59 1997

Scale 1:500,000 (at center)

10 Miles

10 KM

Major Connector

Major Forest Road

State Route

Primary State Route

US Highway

Point of Interest

ATTACHMENT I

Hydrotest H₂O

8" high pressure discharge line : 32,463 feet

$$8 \frac{5}{8}" OD \times .188 \times 52 \Rightarrow ID = 8.249"$$

$$V = \frac{\pi (8.249 \text{ in} \times \frac{\text{ft}}{12 \text{ in}})^2}{4} \times 32,463 \text{ feet} \times \frac{7.4805 \text{ gal}}{\text{ft}^3} = 90,126 \text{ gal}$$

8" low pressure gathering line : \approx 11,580 feet (including arch site vents)

$$8 \frac{5}{8}" OD \times .188 \times 42 \Rightarrow ID = 8.249"$$

$$V = \frac{\pi (8.249 \text{ in} \times \frac{\text{ft}}{12 \text{ in}})^2}{4} \times 11,550 \text{ ft} \times \frac{7.4805 \text{ gal}}{\text{ft}^3} = 32,066 \text{ gal}$$

4" low pressure gathering line : \approx 5507 feet

$$4 \frac{1}{2}" OD \times .156 \times 42 \Rightarrow ID = 4.188"$$

$$V = \frac{\pi (4.188 \text{ in} \times \frac{\text{ft}}{12 \text{ in}})^2}{4} \times 5507 \text{ feet} \times \frac{7.4805 \text{ gal}}{\text{ft}^3} = 3944 \text{ gal}$$

TOTAL H₂O TO BE DISCHARGED:

90,126 gal

32,066 gal

3,941 gal

126,133 gal

 \Rightarrow

ESTIMATED H₂O
126,500 gal
REQUIREMENT

RELEASE H₂O @ KATHLEEN STATION

SE 1/4 SECTION 1 R2BETIBS

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