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P. O. BOX 1492 EL PASO, TEXAS 79978 PHONE: 915-541-2600

July 26, 1995

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Attn: Mr. Chris Eustice (505) 827-7153 2040 S. Pacheco St. Santa Fe, NM. 87501

Re: Notice of Intent to Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water from Used Pipe. EPNG Project 4.

Dear Mr. Eustice:

El Paso Natural Gas (EPNG) plans to conduct hydrostatic tests on its 1300 line in the Roswell, NM area (see attached map). EPNG proposes to dispose of approximately 1,000 gallons of soapy wash water into a Class II Injection Well located in Texas. All discharges will occur well within 120 days of each other, and are scheduled to begin on August 1, 1995 and end by August 31, 1995.

EPNG then proposes to store the remaining 250,000 gallons of test water in FRAC tanks located on the right of way at the project site. EPNG will then sample the stored water and send it to a lab for a full characterization analysis. Upon submission of this analysis to NMOCD and upon approval granted by NMOCD, EPNG wishes to then discharge the test water to trench or right of way. The discharge will be filtered through a sock filter before disposal.

The test water source will come from a well owned by a local rancher and will be tested prior to the hydrostatic testing. The analytical data will be made available to the NMOCD when final discharge approval is sought.

EPNG is seeking NMOCD approval to discharge the test water in the above mentioned manner. Due to the limited time, please expedite this request promptly. If you have any questions or need clarification on any of the above statements, please feel free to contact me at 915/541-3320. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

**Chuck Conner** 

**Environmental Compliance Engineer** 

T-6,7-S R-22,23-E Sections 4,5,6,31,36,35, 26 Chaves County, N.M. Project 4
Roswell N.M.

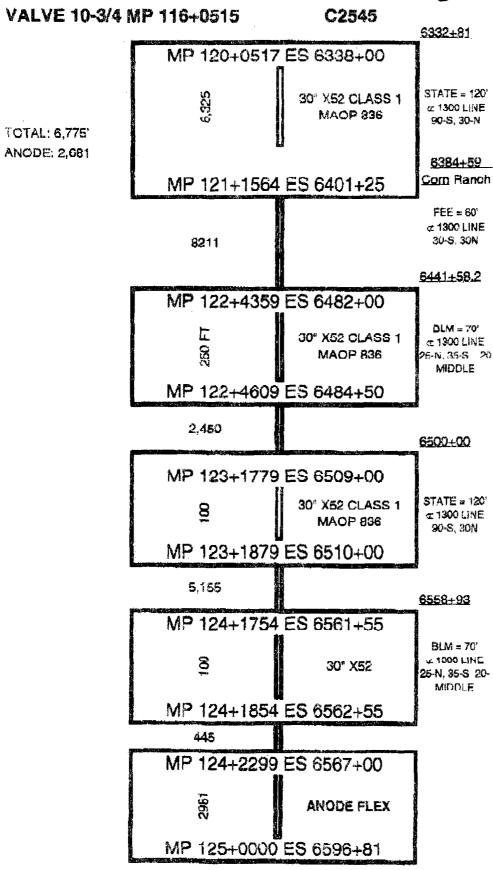
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August 21, 1989

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Mr. Roger Anderson State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088 AUG 2 3 1989

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Re: Transwestern Pipeline Company Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge

Dear Mr. Anderson:

On behalf of Transwestern Pipeline Company, I writing to request clearance for the discharge of hydrostatic test water from our new Bitter Lake Expansion natural gas pipeline. This new construction entails approximately 16 miles of 10 inch diameter pipe, about 0.5 miles of 6 inch diameter pipe, and about 2 miles of 4 inch diameter pipe in Chaves County near Roswell. I have enclosed a map detailing the project. We would like to test all of the piping at one time which requires approximately 350,000 gallons of water. Since this is in excess of our 100,000 gallon limit on our blanket permit, I discussed this issue with Mr. David Boyer of your agency on about August 15. He said at that time that he saw no problem with the discharge and suggested that I write to you with some details of the proposed discharge.

We are proposing testing this new pipe with water from the city of Roswell. The approximate date of this discharge will be October 1. The proposed point of discharge is in Section 21, Township 10 South and Range 27 East and is circled on the enclosed map. This land is owned by the State of New Mexico. We propose to discharge the water onto the ground using existing natural waterways to carry the water at a rate not to exceed 500 gallons per minute. Care will be taken to avoid any erosion and the water will be filtered to prevent contamination. Since the piping is new, it is highly doubtful that any contaminants would be present. This letter also serves as a request for permission to discharge onto State of New Mexico land since I am unsure as to whether any other state agency needs to be contacted regarding this permission.

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In the event that technical difficulties such as a leak, would arise, a couple of alternative sites for discharge may become necessary. The two proposed alternate sites are Section 7 and Section 26 of Township 9 South and Range 26 East. These alternate locations are also marked on the enclosed map. section 7 location is owned by Mr. David McCrea and his permission would be requested before discharge. The Section 26 site is State of New Mexico land and again we would request your permission to discharge at this point. Should either of these locations be needed, the same discharge rates and precautions would be used as for the primary site. There is another possibility that the water could be obtained from another fresh water well in the gas well field instead of from the city of Roswell. We will notify your office should a change from the original plan become necessary.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me at (713) 853-7308 or (713) 853-7304. Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

John Steenberg

Environmental Affairs Department Enron Gas Pipeline Operating Company

#### Enclosure

cc: B. Janacek

L. Hilton

D. Thomas--Roswell

