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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. 5051-3280

Ms. Ingrid Deklau
Williams Field Services
Star Route 2, Box 260
Green River, Wyoming 82935

RE: FINAL SAN JUAN BASIN GROUND WATER CLOSURE REPORTS

Dear Ms. Deklau:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has completed a review of PNM Gas Services' (PNM) January 27, 2000 "OCD CLOSURE REPORTS – 4TH REPORTING QUARTER 1999" and April 28, 2000 "OCD CLOSURE REPORTS – 1ST REPORTING QUARTER 2000". These documents contain "PIT REMEDIATION AND CLOSURE REPORTS" for 2 unlined pits in the San Juan Basin at which ground water contamination was discovered. The document requests closure of the sites since ground water has been remediated to below New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) standards as demonstrated in 4 consecutive quarterly sampling events at each site. The document also contains PNM's proposed monitoring well plugging and abandonment procedures.

The pit closure/remediation activities and the proposed monitor well plugging and abandonment proposals for the sites listed below are **approved**. As the current operator of these facilities this approval is issued to Williams Field Services (WFS).

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| 1. Florance #44 (Dehy pit) | Unit H, Sec. 31, T30N, R08W |
| 2. Turner #1A (Dehy pit) | Unit M, Sec. 24, T31N, R11W |

Please be advised that OCD approval does not relieve WFS of liability if remaining contaminants are found to pose a future threat to surface water, ground water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve WFS of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, tribal or local laws and regulations.

If you have any questions, please call me at (505) 827-7154.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Will Olson".

William C. Olson
Hydrologist
Environmental Bureau

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