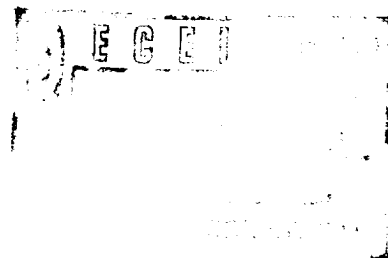




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NOTICE OF GAS CONNECTION

This is to notify the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division that connection for purchase of gas from El Paso Energy Raton's Vermejo Park Ranch Well No. A-49, meter station no. 'A-49', located in unit letter I, Section 27, Township 32N, Range 20 East, Colfax County, New Mexico, 160 acre area, was made on 02/27/01, by El Paso Energy Raton L.L.C. First delivery date: 03/01/01.

Purchaser: El Paso Energy Raton, L.L.C.

Representative: Ruta L. L. L.

Title: Sr. Field Admin.