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Mr. Roger C. Anderson
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Re: Gathering Line Project near Largo Plant

Dear Mr. Anderson:

El Paso Natural Gas Company plans to reroute natural gas within our gathering system. A **new** sixteen inch gathering line, approximately 6.7 miles long, will be installed in April. The new line will begin at SW/4, Section 17, T-25N, R-7W, Rio Arriba County. The line will end at Largo Plant, located at SE/4, Section 15, T-26N, R-7W, Rio Arriba County.

The 6.7 miles of new pipeline will be hydrostatically tested in three smaller test sections. One 650 foot test section and two 3.3 mile test sections will be tested. The largest test section will contain approximately 182,000 gallons of water.

The water for the test will be pumped from existing water wells at Largo Plant. EPNG built a lined pond at Largo Plant to store water which will be utilized for the hydrostatic test. The lined pond is approximately 95 foot in length by 135 foot in width and 10 foot in depth with a 12 mil thickness reinforced polyurethane liner. The pond is located in the old camp area at Largo Plant.

Please give us approval to utilize the lined water storage pond as a hydrostatic test water pond as soon as possible. We plan to discharge hydrostatic test water during late April or early May.

If you have any questions, please call me at 599-2176.

Sincerely,

A. N. Pundari
Senior Compliance Engineer