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DATE: 11.18.96

TO: ROGER ANDERSON

FAX TELEPHONE NO. 827-8177

FROM: JEAN ARMA

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MESSAGE: ATTACHED IS THE WHOLE PACKAGE. THANK YOU.

Jean

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Arya, Jean

From: Arya, Jean
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 1996 2:34PM
To: 'randerson@emnrdsf.state.nm.us'
Subject: Resubmittal (with additional information) of request for permit to discharge hydrostatic test water - Santa Fe Mainline, Phase II

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Attached is a copy of my letter to Ms. Cecelia Kernodle, Water Enforcement Branch, US EPA, Region VI. Ms. Kernodle informed me by phone that the Bernalillo Acequia is not a water of the US, and therefore we will not need an NPDES permit to discharge. She suggested that I write a letter confirming our telephone conversation.

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Thank you for your help on this permit.

Sincerely,
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Ms. Cecelia Kernodle
US Environmental Protection Agency
Water Enforcement Branch 6EN-WT
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75202



Dear Ms. Kernodle:

Discharge of Hydrostatic Test Water to the Bernalillo Acequia

Per our telephone conversation of November 12, this is a written confirmation that a discharge of hydrostatic test water to the Bernalillo Acequia will not require an NPDES permit.

The Bernalillo Acequia (also known as the Bernalillo Ditch) is operated by the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD), for the purpose of supplying irrigation water to the surrounding area during the growing season. It is a head ditch, taking water from the river, and delivering it to fields and gardens. There is no return to the river from this ditch. On October 31 the connection to the Rio Grande, the river gate at the Angostura Dam Diversion, at Algodones, NM, was closed for the winter. Therefore, as we concluded in our telephone discussion, the Bernalillo Acequia is not a water of the US.

Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) plans to discharge approximately 565,000 gallons of potable water which has been used to pressure test new steel pipe. The water will be discharged at a rate that will not affect the structure of the acequia. The ditch capacity is far greater than the volume to be discharged. The water will be available to agricultural users, should they choose to take it. Otherwise it will infiltrate and evaporate. PNM will be applying to the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) of the New Mexico Energy and Minerals Department for permission to discharge the hydrostatic test water.

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**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
TEMPORARY LICENSE TO PUMP INTO DISTRICT WORKS
SP-047-96**

1. The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District hereby grants to the undersigned Licensee who hereby accepts this License to pump water into the Bernalillo Acequia. The said water is necessary in order to PERFORM A HYDROSTATIC TEST OF A 20" NATURAL GAS PIPELINE. THE LICENSEE SHALL NOT DISCHARGE WATER INTO THE BERNALILLO ACEQUIA WHICH DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE "NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT" (N.E.P.A.)
2. The Licensee shall be liable for any and all damages to the property of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, United States or any third party or parties by reason of the exercise of the privilege conferred by this License. In addition, the Licensee agrees to hold the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District harmless from any and all claims or suits of any nature which may arise by reason of the exercise of the privilege conferred by this License.
3. This license shall continue so long as in the opinion of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, it is considered to be expedient and not detrimental to the public interest or the interest of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District but in no case longer than DECEMBER 5, 1996. This license shall be revocable by the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District for any reason upon ten days written notice to the Licensee. Upon such revocation, the Licensee shall stop all discharge of water into the works of the District and shall remove all structures and all accessories without delay at the sole expense of the Licensee. Notice to remove shall be sufficient if mailed to Licensee at: PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO GAS SERVICES, ALVARADO SQUARE, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87158. If Licensee fails or refuses to stop the pumping or discharge of water into the works of the District or to remove any structures or accessories, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District may, at its discretion, remove the items and the Licensee shall be liable to the District for the costs incurred. The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District may withhold this from the security deposit posted by Licensee and may sue for any additional sums.
4. Upon the natural termination of this License or if prior thereto terminated by the District, the Licensee shall then immediately burn all weeds or any vegetation on the ditches, canals, laterals and feeders which it has used and shall remove all silt in the works of the District, including pipe crossings, which has been deposited thereby due to the operations of the licensee and shall reshape the ditches where wash or erosion has occurred. In addition thereto, the Licensee shall build up the ditch bank roads to their original shape and elevation.
5. The use of the District works for this dewatering process must be coordinated with the staff of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and the Licensee shall provide the District with tests of the water quality which is being deposited into the works of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and at any time the District feels that the quality of this water may be harmful to the works, the public or any other person, it may immediately stop any further discharge of this water into the works of the District.
6. The Licensee hereby releases the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, its agents and employees and the United States from any and all claims for damage to property or personal injury or for any damages that may arise as a result of the Licensee's use of the works of the District provided for herein or as a result of the presence of said Licensee and Licensee agrees to hold the Middle Rio Grande

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BY: [Signature]
CHIEF ENGINEER
DATE: Sept 30 1996

LICENSEE

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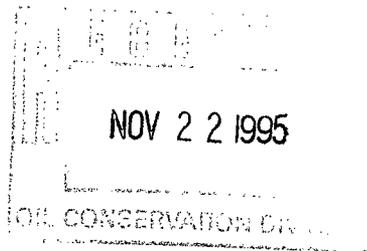
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Request for re-permit to Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water
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If you have any questions about this request, please call me at 241-4954, or send a fax to my attention at 241-2340.

Sincerely,

Jean Arya
Environmental Scientist

cc: LaVanda Jones, PNM

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Additional information for:
Request for permission to Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water
Santa Fe Main Line Project

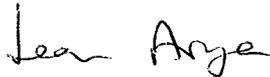
Dear Mr. Eustice:

In reply to the questions in your letter of July 7, 1995:

- 1 & 3. The pipe is all new, and has not been in contact with hydrocarbons.
2. A total of nine and four tenths miles (9.4 miles) will be tested.

If you have any further questions, please call me at 241-4954.

Sincerely,



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Request for permission to Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water Santa Fe Main Line Project

Dear Mr. Eustace:

In accordance with Oil Conservation Division Guidelines for Hydrostatic Test Dewatering, and with Section 1-201 of the Water Quality Control Commission Regulations, Gas Company of New Mexico (GCNM) submits this request for permission to discharge hydrostatic test water.

Project name	Santa Fe Main Line Project
Date of test	October 15, 1995
Location	T12N R2E S14
Source of test water	United Water New Mexico, Rio Rancho
Quality of test water	Potable
Volume of water to be used	825,000 gallons
Disposal	United Water New Mexico sewer system

Please note that both the date and location for this test may vary. United Water has several fire hydrants near the proposed pipeline, and our contractor will select the most convenient. We may also conduct one or more smaller tests (under 100,000 gallons) under similar conditions. These will be included on our semi-annual report.

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Sincerely,



Jean Arya
Environmental Scientist

cc: LaVanda Jones, GCNM