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**Oil Conservation Division**

Ms. Robin DeLapp  
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Alvarado Square, MS 2104  
Albuquerque, NM 87158-2104

**Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge Permit HI-083  
Rio Puerco Loop Natural Gas Pipeline  
Discharge location: SE/4, Section 20, T 24 N, R 9 W, NMPM,  
San Juan County, New Mexico**

Dear Ms. DeLapp:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Public Service Company's (PNM) request, dated February 6, 2003, for authorization to discharge approximately 800,000 gallons of wastewater from the hydrostatic test of the Huerfano to DOE Loop Natural Gas Pipeline. The test will be on approximately 10 miles of new 24-inch natural gas pipeline. The discharge point will be located in SE/4, Section 20, T 24 N, R 9 W, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico

Based on the information provided in the request, the hydrostatic test water discharge is hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

1. The test water (800,000 gallons) will be transported to an unlined evaporation pond located at SE/4, Section 20, T 24 N, R 9 W, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico
2. The pond will be maintained to allow for adequate free board to prevent overtopping.
3. Test water will be held in the evaporation pond until evaporated.
4. Only fresh water of less than 1,000 mg/l total dissolved solids from a water supply system or other potable source shall be used in the hydrostatic test.
5. The fluids will not be allowed to migrate to a water of the State or a water of the U.S.
6. The landowner at the collection/retention site must be notified and written permission must be received.

Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 20 NMAC 6.2.3106.B, this approval will allow PNM to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days. Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 20 NMAC 6.2.3114 an application fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) is due at the time of the permit application submittal and a temporary permission permit fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) is due upon receipt of this approval. The \$100 application fee and \$150 temporary permission fee have been received. If the site is to be used for more than one test discharge, formal reapplication must be made. If the discharge exceeds 120 days, a formal discharge plan must be submitted for review.

Please be advised that this approval does not relieve PNM of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve PNM of responsibility for compliance with other federal, state or local regulations.

If there are any questions, please call Martyne Kieling at (505) 476-3488.

Sincerely,



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