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March 3, 2003

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Mr. Larry Campbell
Transwestern Pipeline Company
6381 North Main Street
Roswell, NM 88201

**Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge Permit HI-084
Church Rock Pipeline
Discharge location: Sections 8, 11,12 and 13, T 15 N, R 17 W NMPM,
McKinley County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Campbell:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Transwestern Pipeline Company's (Transwestern) request, dated February 7, 2003, for authorization to discharge approximately 176,422 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of the Church Rock Pipeline. The test will be on approximately 1.18 miles of new 30-inch natural gas pipeline. The discharge point will be located in Sections 8, 11,12 and 13, T 15 N, R 17 W NMPM, McKinley 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 pipe must be new and never previously used for oil and/or gas transmission.
2. The test water (176,422 gallons) will be discharged to the pipeline ride-of-way located at NW/4 Sec. 3, T 9 N, R 1 W, and SW/4 Sec. 34, T 10 N, R 1 W NMPM, Bernalillo County, New Mexico
3. The test water will be discharged in a manner to prevent erosion.
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.

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Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 20 NMAC 6.2.3106.B, this approval will allow Transwestern 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 Transwestern of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve Transwestern 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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Environmental Bureau Chief

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