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March 8, 2006

New Mexico EM&NR
 Oil Conservation Division
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 Attn: Ed Martin

Re: **Application for Permission to Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water
 Northern Natural Gas Company
 Lea County, New Mexico**

Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) is seeking permission to discharge hydrostatic test water into the Hobbs, New Mexico POTW. The following is the required data per our telephone conversation.

1. *Type of Operation*

The type of operation is replacement of casing under railroad ROW and Hwy 18 outside of Hobbs, New Mexico. The replacement involves replacing approximately 400 foot of 26 inch casing.

2. *Name of Operator or Legally Responsible Part and Local Representative*

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3. *Location of the Discharge Plan Facility*

Plans are to truck in hydrostatic test water from Hobbs, New Mexico and to discharge test water at the POTW in Hobbs. Tim Woomeer with the Hobbs, New Mexico POTW has given permission form us to discharge into the POTW.

4. *Landowners*

All work will be on Northern ROW.

5. *Facility Description*

The facility is Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) pipeline number NMM10101 26 inch B-line with casing under approximately 400 foot of railroad and highway right-of-way (ROW).

The ROW is located in sections 8&17, Township 18 South, Range 38 East in Lea County, New Mexico.

6. *Material Stored or Used at the Facility*

There is no material stored or used at the sight. Vehicles on site do have gasoline, oil and lubricants.

7. *Sources and Quantities of Effluent and Waste Solids Generated at the Facility*

The only effluent is hydrostatic test water which is obtained from Hobbs municipal water and returned to Hobbs POTW. Approximately 21,000 gallons of water will be used in the hydrostatic test. No chemicals will be added to the water. Any solids which may be picked up from the new pipe will be discharged at the Hobbs POTW.

8. *Description of Current Liquids and Solid Waste Collection/ Storage/ Disposal Procedures*

A small amount of iron oxide (rust) which accumulated in the casing is being collected, sampled and disposed of appropriately.

9. *Proposed Modifications*

No modifications, just replacement of a section of pipeline that is believed to have a leak

10. *Inspection, Maintenance and Reporting*

On-site chief inspectors and reports to FERC.

11. *Spill/ Leak Prevention and Reporting Procedures (Contingency Plan)*

There will be an SPCC plan on site and Northern used there Operations Communication Center in Omaha, Nebraska to report and coordinate response and clean-up of any spill or incident.

12. *Site Characteristics*

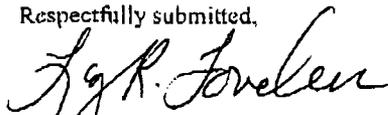
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13. *Other Compliance Information*

Northern has visited with the US fish and Wildlife in New Mexico, with the State Historic Preservation Office, with FERC, with the railroad and with the New Mexico highway department. Additionally, both landowners have been visited with.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. Should you have comments or suggestions, please contact me at 806-345-3502.

Respectfully submitted,



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