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March 11, 1975

Mr. Joe Boyd  
Southern Union Gas Company  
Fidelity Union Tower Building  
1507 Pacific Avenue  
Dallas, Texas 75201

Dear Mr. Boyd:

Concerning the impact upon archaeological resources by the proposed construction of well pads: On March 4, 1975 a survey crew consisting of myself under the authority of Antiquities Permit #75-NM-006 (BLM) walked the areas in question.

Southern Union Gas Co. Storage Well #13 1300fS1 550fW1 Sec. 17 T15N R1E. The proposed drill pad will cover approximately  $1\frac{1}{4}$  acres and is situated on a gently sloping plain which drains east into an unnamed wash.

Southern Union Gas Co. Storage Well #14 654fS1 300fE1 Sec. 19 T15N R1E. The proposed drill pad will cover approximately  $1\frac{1}{4}$  acres and is situated on a moderately sloping plain which drains east into an unnamed arroyo.

Southern Union Gas Co. Storage Well #15 1908fN1 618fE1 Sec. 19 T15N R1E. The proposed drill pad will cover approximately  $1\frac{1}{4}$  acres and is situated on a mesa top on hilly terrain which drains east into a runoff gully.

Southern Union Gas Co. Storage Well #16 2000fN1 300fW1 Sec. 29 T15N R1E. The proposed drill pad will cover approximately  $1\frac{1}{4}$  acres and is situated on a gently sloping plain draining to the east into Canada de las Eilpas Wash.

Southern Union Gas Company Gravel Pit #1 Sec. 33 T15N R1E NW $\frac{1}{4}$ . The proposed gravel pit will cover approximately one acre and is situated on a small gravel hill which drains west into small runoff gully.

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None of the locations have any surface indications of occupation or special use.

There is a small Pueblo III ruin approximately 75 meters east of the proposed Storage Well #14. Said site is located on the other side of a small mesa and is not within view of the proposed drill pad, therefore secondary effects of construction will be minimal.

A small lithic scatter with a hearth was located approximately 35 meters southwest of the proposed gravel pit in a previous survey and resurveyed by myself. All pertinent information was gathered from the site. There is no evidence of structures, pottery or any other kind of archaeological material. The lithic scatter is not in view of the proposed gravel pit, therefore secondary effects of construction will be minimal.

Enclosed please find copies of the site survey forms.

There are no sites in the immediate area subject to disturbance due to the secondary effects of construction.

I recommend that clearance for construction be granted immediately.

Yours truly,



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Eastern New Mexico University  
San Juan County Museum Association

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Enclosures

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