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*Re: Public Service Company of New Mexico on site land farm operations on
Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company well sites.*

Dear Mr. Alvidrez:

This letter is in response to your July 12, 1999 questions, about recent conversations between representatives of Burlington and PNM, that related to PNM's activities on Burlington's well sites.

Burlington is not aware of any right which would allow PNM to use the surface acreage at Burlington's well locations to conduct landfarm activities. If Burlington is in error in this regard, or if such a right exists, please identify, at your earliest convenience, the source of PNM's right to use leasehold surface acreage at Burlington's well sites to conduct its leasefarm operations.

Please understand that Burlington is not attempting to impede any of PNM's other remediation efforts in the San Juan Basin, as long as those efforts are duly authorized and lawful. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

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