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February 6, 2008

Ms. Marcelle Fiedler
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PNM
Alvarado Square
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87158-2104

**Re: Annual Temporary Permission To Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water
Renewal of HB-NM-007**

Dear Ms. Fiedler:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Public Service Company of New Mexico's (PNM) request, dated January 15, 2008, for the renewal of an annual temporary permission to discharge small quantities of hydrostatic test wastewater generated from the testing of new natural gas pipelines throughout the State of New Mexico, which expires March 19, 2008.

Based on the information provided in the request, **annual temporary permission is hereby granted** for the discharge of the hydrostatic test wastewater generated from all new pipeline hydrostatic tests an operator may perform during an approved one-year period when the following understandings and conditions are applicable:

1. the volume does not exceed 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test;
2. water from a public/municipal water supply or other OCD approved sources is used for each test;
3. oral or written notification must be provided to the OCD 72 hours prior to each hydrostatic discharge event;
4. the discharge does not enter any lake, perennial stream, river or their respective tributaries that may be seasonal;
5. no discharge shall occur:
 - a. where ground water is less than 10 feet below ground surface.
 - b. within 200 feet of a watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole or playa lake;
 - c. within an existing wellhead protection area;
 - d. within, or within 500 feet of a wetland; or

- e. within 500 feet from the nearest permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church;
- 6. best management practices must be implemented to contain the discharge onsite, does not impact adjacent property, and to control erosion;
- 7. the discharge does not cause any fresh water supplies to be degraded or to exceed standards as set forth in Subsections A, B, and C of the 20.6.2.3103 NMAC (the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations);
- 8. the landowner(s) of each proposed discharge and/or collection/retention or alternative discharge location must be properly notified of the activities prior to each proposed hydrostatic test event; and
- 9. an annual report, summarizing all tests of new pipeline with less than 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test event, will be submitted to the OCD within 45 days after the temporary permission expiration date and shall contain the following information:
 - a. the location of hydrostatic test (Section/Township/Range or GPS coordinates);
 - b. the date of each test;
 - c. the volume of each discharge; and
 - d. the source and quality of test water (laboratory analysis, if necessary).

Annual temporary permissions shall expire one (1) year after issuance. **This temporary permission will expire March 19, 2009.** Renewal requests for annual temporary permission to discharge shall be submitted forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration date. An annual temporary permission may be revoked or suspended for violation of any applicable provisions and/or conditions of the permit.

This renewal approval is contingent upon PNM satisfaction of completing the annual report provision of Condition #9 of the March 2007 annual temporary permission.

This approval does not relieve PNM of responsibility should its 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 regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Brad A. Jones at (505) 476-3487 or brad.a.jones@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,



Wayne Price
Environmental Bureau Chief

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cc: OCD District Office



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March 19, 2007

Ms. Marcelle Fiedler
Environmental Scientist II
PNM
Alvarado Square
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87158-2104

Re: Annual Temporary Permission To Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water HB-NM-007

Dear Ms. Fiedler:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Public Service Company of New Mexico's (PNM) request, dated January 25, 2007, for an annual temporary permission to discharge small quantities of hydrostatic test wastewater generated from the testing of new natural gas pipelines throughout the State of New Mexico.

Based on the information provided in the request, **annual temporary permission is hereby granted** for the discharge of the hydrostatic test wastewater generated from all new pipeline hydrostatic tests an operator may perform during an approved one-year period when the following understandings and conditions are applicable:

1. the volume does not exceed 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test;
2. water from a public/municipal water supply or other OCD approved sources is used for each test;
3. oral or written notification must be provided to the OCD 72 hours prior to each hydrostatic discharge event;
4. the discharge does not enter any lake, perennial stream, river or their respective tributaries that may be seasonal;
5. no discharge shall occur:
 - a. where ground water is less than 10 feet below ground surface.
 - b. within 200 feet of a watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole or playa lake;
 - c. within an existing wellhead protection area;
 - d. within, or within 500 feet of a wetland; or
 - e. within 500 feet from the nearest permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church;

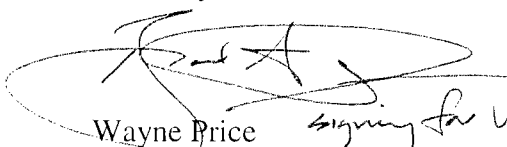
6. best management practices must be implemented to contain the discharge onsite, does not impact adjacent property, and to control erosion;
7. the discharge does not cause any fresh water supplies to be degraded or to exceed standards as set forth in Subsections A, B, and C of the 20.6.2.3103 NMAC (the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations);
8. the landowner(s) of each proposed discharge and/or collection/retention or alternative discharge location must be properly notified of the activities prior to each proposed hydrostatic test event; and
9. an annual report, summarizing all tests of new pipeline with less than 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test event, will be submitted to the OCD within 45 days after the temporary permission expiration date and shall contain the following information:
 - a. the location of hydrostatic test (Section/Township/Range or GPS coordinates);
 - b. the date of each test;
 - c. the volume of each discharge; and
 - d. the source and quality of test water (laboratory analysis, if necessary).

Annual temporary permissions shall expire one (1) year after issuance. **This temporary permission will expire March 19, 2008.** Renewal requests for annual temporary permission to discharge shall be submitted forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration date. An annual temporary permission may be revoked or suspended for violation of any applicable provisions and/or conditions of the permit.

This approval does not relieve PNM of responsibility should its 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 regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Brad A. Jones at (505) 476-3487 or brad.a.jones@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,


Wayne Price *signing for Wayne Price*
Environmental Bureau Chief

LWP/baj

cc: OCD District IV Office, Santa Fe, NM



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Oil Conservation Division

January 29, 2002

CERTIFIED MAIL

RETURN RECEIPT NO. 7099-3220-0000-5051-2863

Ms. Robin K. DeLapp
PNM Gas Company of New Mexico
Alvarado Square MS. 2104
Albuquerque, NM 87158

RE: 5 Year Renewable Hydrostatic Test Waters Discharge Permit HBP-NM-007

Dear Ms. DeLapp:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the Public Service Company of New Mexico's (PNM) annual reports for 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001. The OCD has received PNM's request dated January 22, 2002 to renew their five (5) year authorization to discharge hydrostatic test waters.

Based on the information and commitments provided, authorization is hereby **approved** with the following conditions:

1. This permit is for testing new pipe only. All used pipe tests must receive specific discharge approval from the OCD prior to testing. Used pipe is defined as any pipe or section of pipe that has had any hydrocarbons in contact with its walls.
2. Only fresh water (preferably less than 1,000 mg/l total dissolved solids) from a water supply system or other potable source shall be used in hydrostatic testing.
3. The volume of test water cannot exceed 100,000 gallons. All tests involving more than 100,000 gallons must receive specific authorization from the OCD prior to testing.
4. No test waters will be discharged to any lakes, perennial streams, rivers, or any surface bodies of water or their respective tributaries that may be seasonal.
5. Ground water is not less than 10 feet from the surface at the point of discharge.
6. The Discharge does not impact adjacent property.

7. The discharge does not cause any freshwater supplies to be degraded or to exceed standards as set forth in 20 NMAC 6.2.3103.A, B and C of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations.
8. **A report must be filed by November 9 of each year** summarizing all tests of new pipe with less than 100,000 gallons each. The report will be submitted to the OCD Santa Fe Office and shall contain the following information:
 - A. Date of test,
 - B. Location of test - Section, Township and Range,
 - C. Volume of discharge, and
 - D. Source of test water

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 general permit fee of six hundred dollars (\$600) is due upon receipt of this approval. The \$100 application fee has been received. This authorization is approved for a period of five (5) years. The authorization will **expire November 9, 2006.**

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 received PNM of liability for compliance with other laws and/or regulations.

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

Sincerely,



Roger C. Anderson
Environmental Bureau Chief

RCA/mjk

xc: OCD Hobbs Office
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 OCD Aztec Office
 OCD Santa Fe Office



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

2040 S. PACHECO
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87505
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April 10, 1996

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-269-269-383

Ms. Jean Arya
Gas Company of New Mexico
Alvarado Square MS. 0408
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87158

Re: **Five Year Authorization to Discharge Hydrostatic Test Waters**
Permit No.HBP-NM-007

Dear Ms. Arya:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Gas Company of New Mexico's (GCNM) request dated March 25, 1996 to renew the five year authorization to discharge hydrostatic test waters.

Based on the information and commitments, authorization is hereby approved with the following conditions:

1. This permit is for testing new pipe only. All used pipe tests must receive specific discharge approval from the OCD prior to testing. Used pipe is defined as any pipe or section of pipe that has had any hydrocarbons in contact with its walls.
2. Only fresh water (preferably less than 2,000 mg/l total dissolved solids) shall be used in hydrostatic testing.
3. The volume of test water cannot exceed 100,000 gallons. All tests involving more than 100,000 gallons must receive authorization from the OCD on a case by case basis.
4. No test waters will be discharged to any lakes, perennial streams, rivers, or any surface bodies of water upon completion of a test.

Ms. Jean Arya
April 9, 1996
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5. A report must be filed every twelve months summarizing the activities and shall contain the following information:
- A. Location of test - Section, Township and Range
 - B. Date of test.
 - C. Volume of discharge.
 - D. Source of test water.

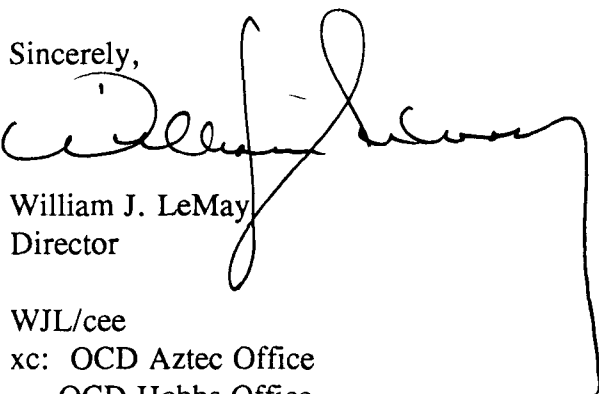
The request for discharge authorization was submitted pursuant to New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations and is approved pursuant to that regulation.

This authorization is approved for a period of five (5) years. The authorization will expire November 9, 2001.

Please be advised that this approval does not relieve GCNM of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment. In addition, the OCD approval does not relieve GCNM of liability for compliance with other laws and/or regulation.

If there are any questions, please call Chris Eustice at (505) 827-7153.

Sincerely,



William J. LeMay
Director

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xc: OCD Aztec Office
OCD Hobbs Office
OCD Artesia Office



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April 24, 1991

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Ms. Paula Y. McAfee, Staff Engineer
Gas Company of New Mexico
P. O. Box 26400
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125

RE: Discharge of Hydrostatic Test Waters

Dear Ms. McAfee:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received your request, dated April 8, 1991, for a renewable five year authorization to discharge hydrostatic test waters.

Based on the information and commitments, authorization is hereby approved with the following conditions:

1. This permit is for testing newly constructed pipe only. All used pipe tests must receive individual discharge approval from the OCD prior to testing. Used pipe is defined as any pipe or section of pipe that has had any hydrocarbon in contact with its walls.
2. The volume per test does not exceed 100,000 gallons.

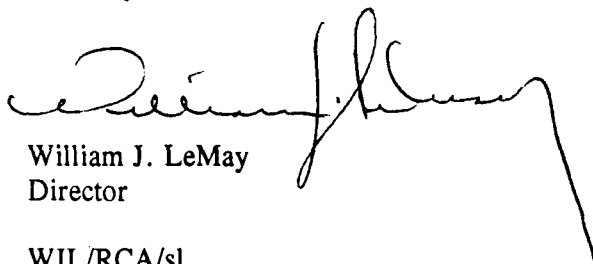
The approved discharge authorization consists of the request dated April 8, 1991.

The request for discharge authorization was submitted pursuant to Section 1-201 of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations and is approved pursuant to that regulation.

Please be advised that the approval of this plan does not relieve you of liability should your operation result in actual pollution of surface or ground waters or the environment which may be actionable under other laws and/or regulations.

This authorization is approved for a period of five (5) years. The authorization will expire April 8, 1996 and you should submit an application for renewal in ample time before that date.

Sincerely,



William J. LeMay
Director

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