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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

December 1, 1992

Ron Johnson  
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Public Service Company of New Mexico  
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Albuquerque, NM 87158

RE: Temporary Permission for the Public  
Service Company of New Mexico

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Your letter dated November 12, 1992 requested permission to discharge for a period not to exceed 30 days at Person Generating Station. The facility is located at the intersection of Rio Bravo and Broadway, in Albuquerque in Section 8.22, T9N, R3E, Bernalillo County.

The Public Service Company of New Mexico proposes to discharge approximately 122,000 gallons of water pumped from three on-site production wells to a concrete cooling tower basin. The water is being pumped pursuant to a Corrective Action Directive issued by the New Mexico Environment Department's Hazardous & Radioactive Materials Bureau and, should sampling show that the water meets groundwater standards, it will be discharged to the San Jose drainage channel. If the water doesn't meet groundwater standards, it will be held within the basin for evaporation.

Temporary permission to discharge hereby is granted pursuant to Section 3-106.B of the NM Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulations for the above referenced discharge until January 1, 1992.

This approval is contingent on your discharging as described in your letter of November 12, 1992, and the following conditions for the following reasons:

1. In addition to the sampling proposed, Public Service Company of New Mexico shall also analyze one water sample



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from each well for volatiles and semi-volatiles using EPA methods 602/8020 and 625/8270 in accordance with proper sampling procedures (i.e. three well volumes purged, etc.).

The reason for this condition is to ensure that no existing contamination has been mobilized by the well pumping.

2. Prior to disposal of the water pumped from the on-site production wells into the concrete basin, the two pipes allowing possible egress from the basin shall be sealed.

The reason for this condition is to close off any possible conduits to groundwater leading from the basin.

3. Prior to discharge to the proposed arroyo, the water must not exceed any of the standards listed in Section 3-103 of the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulations, EPA Primary Drinking Water MCL's, or contain any of the toxic pollutants listed in Section 1-101.UU. of the WQCC Regs. In addition, the Public Service Company of New Mexico must have received permission to dispose of the water in this manner from both the Surface Water Quality Bureau and the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority.

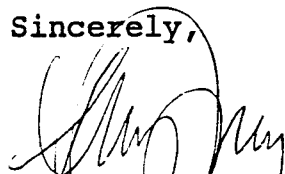
The reason for this condition is to ensure that no contaminated water is discharged to the ground surface, and all parties which have jurisdiction in this matter are informed and have given their approval.

This approval does not relieve you of your responsibility to comply with any other applicable federal, state, and/or local laws and regulations, such as zoning requirements and nuisance ordinances. Also this approval does not relieve you of liability should your operation result in actual pollution of surface or ground waters.

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If you have any questions, please contact Charles Thomas of the Ground Water Section staff at the above address or phone 827-0652.

Sincerely,



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Ground Water Protection &  
Remediation Bureau

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