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Stevenson, Washington

Gentlemen:

On June 16, 1973, the United States District Court for the District of Colorado, in Civil Action C-2626, ordered that certain assets and properties of the El Paso Natural Gas Company ("El Paso") be divested to Northwest Pipeline Corporation ("Northwest"). This order was affirmed by the United States Supreme Court on March 5, 1974. On September 21, 1973, the Federal Power Commission issued an order authorizing Northwest to acquire and operate the assets and properties to be divested and recognizing Northwest as successor to El Paso's interest in these assets. On October 19, 1973 the District Court entered its final order directing that the divestiture be completed immediately. The properties and assets consist primarily of El Paso's Northwest Division gas system, of which was formerly owned by Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation. Any and all assets owned by El Paso in Skamania County, including that certain franchise agreement with Skamania County dated August 25, 1958 will be divested.

It is the purpose of this letter to advise you of the court-ordered divestiture and the nature of the transaction. In accordance with the court order & the Federal Power Commission authority, a conveyance will be executed and delivered from El Paso to Northwest which will convey El Paso's rights in the above mentioned properties. Northwest will assume all duties and obligations with reference to the divested assets and agreements.

The task of transferring all of the interests required to be divested is a complex one. To assist us in proceeding expeditiously to carry out the divestiture within the time schedule proposed, it is requested that you acknowledge notice of this transfer to the transfer and related transactions contemplated by the Court's order by signing in the space provided below and returning one copy to our files. Since this transfer is planned to occur prior to January 31, 1974, it is necessary that this consent be returned to us prior to January 1, 1974. Your cooperation will be appreciated and will be of material assistance in our efforts.

Very truly yours,

EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

W. F. Hooton  
Attorney-in-FactNotice acknowledged and transfer consented to  
this 26 day of December, 1973

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Richard J. McDaniel  
H. J. McDaniel



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It is the purpose of this letter to advise you of the court-ordered divestiture and the nature of the transaction. In accordance with the court order and the Federal Power Commission authority, a conveyance will be executed and delivered from El Paso to Northwest which will convey El Paso's rights in the above mentioned franchises and assets. Northwest will assume all duties and obligations with reference to the divested franchises and agreements.

The task of transferring all of the interests required to be divested is a complex one. To assist us in proceeding expeditiously to carry out the divestiture, we have prepared a schedule proposed. It is requested that you acknowledge receipt of this schedule and related transactions of, and consent to, the court's order. The schedule provided below and retroactive to our first business day of operation, January 1, 1974, is to be completed and returned to us prior to January 1, 1974. Your cooperation is requested in our efforts to complete the divestiture.