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In Reply Refer To:  
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**Re: Public Service Company of New Mexico River to Lake Waterline Project**

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is providing you with an unsigned copy of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) River to Lake Water line Project Environmental Assessment (EA).

PNM has applied for a ROW grant with the BLM/FFO to construct and operate a proposed 4.73 mile (25,214 feet) waterline. PNM would also install a buried fiber optic cable to transmit data from the existing river pump station to the lake pump station. The proposed action would be located in Sections 4 and 5, Township 29 North, Range 15 West, and in Sections 32 and 29 of Township 30 North, Range 15 West, in San Juan County, New Mexico. PNM has installed a temporary 12-inch high-density polyethylene (HDPE) surface line to increase capacity and maintain acceptable lake levels. The temporary surface line would be removed if the proposed action is approved and constructed.

This decision is in full force and effect upon the date it is signed by the authorized officer and will remain in effect while any appeal is pending unless the Interior Board of Land Appeals issues a stay pursuant to 43 CFR 3150.2

Any appeal of this decision must follow the procedures set forth in 43 CFR Part 4. Within 30 days of the decision, a notice of appeal must be filed in the office of the authorized officer at Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87508. If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the Interior Board of Lands Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy St., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203 within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed with the authorized officer.

Sincerely,

Dave Evans  
District Field Manager

Enclosure:

- 1- Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) River to Lake Water line Project  
Environmental Assessment (EA)
- 2- Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Decision Record (DR)