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Robert E. Oxford, PE&PLS
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Re: Your December 1, 2003 Letter On Water Right Administration

Dear Mr. Oxford:

Your referenced letter states that the Bureau of Reclamation did not submit to the State Engineer plans and specifications for Permits Nos. 2917 and 3215.

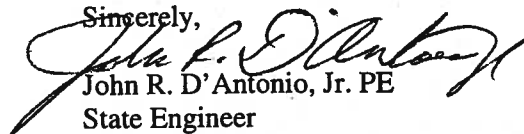
Permit No. 2847, 2849, 2873, 2917 Combined, which was endorsed by the State Engineer on June 17, 1958, lists the plans filed, the uses of water, points of diversions including industrial and other purposes for the several permits, and notes that miscellaneous water use will be coordinated with future area requirements. An example of future area requirements is the PNM San Juan Generating Station, which is supplied contract water from the Navajo Reservoir Supply. Permit No. 3238 issued to Public Service Company of New Mexico covers the point of diversion and other features of the water supply system for the facility.

Permit No. 3215 is for supplemental water and is used for the same purposes as is Navajo Reservoir storage. As such, the use of both the storage and the available flows in the river downstream of Navajo Dam can be maximized.

The Bureau of Reclamation has looked to the State for recommendations concerning contracts for the Navajo Reservoir Supply and likely will continue to consult on any future contracts for that supply.

The water rights adjudication of the San Juan River System will identify the water right owner, the quantity of water adjudicated, etc. As required, the State will administer the river to distribute the available supply in accordance with decreed rights and licenses and permits issued by the State Engineer.

Sincerely,


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