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TO: Mark Weems, Jim Kenney, Ed DiMatteo and Larry Robbins

FROM: Bill Smith *Bill*

DATE: March 8, 1989

SUBJECT: Cathodic Wells and Water Injection Above The Fruitland Shale - Ignacio-Blanco Field.

I am hereby establishing a committee of the four persons noted above to review the current concern regarding injection and cathodic protection wells in the Ignacio-Blanco Field. Since Larry may be on leave before the studies or reviews are complete I am including both he and Ed. It is only necessary that one participate provided that both are kept abreast of the current status of review.

Enclosed are the copies of the cathodic wells (groundbeds) information received from the operators in the Ignacio-Blanco Field. I have given an extension to both Northwest Pipeline and Texaco. My concern is that this information be reviewed and if there appears to be a problem similar to the one experienced near the Bond well that we follow a similar procedure in assuring that pollution is not occurring. We also need to keep track for possible future problems.

The second issue that I want addressed is the position that our Commission should take with regard to future disposal wells above the Fruitland. I was advised by Pat Crotty today that Tom Pike expects to have their position pretty well established by next week. On March 20 I intend to request the Commission to allow me to make a formal meeting presentation with EPA to the public at Durango. I hope the Southern Utes will participate.

I recognize that Mark is at a location which makes it hard for him to participate in meetings on these two subjects; however, I think he should probably be the lead on the cathodic well problem and aware, on a current basis, of what is transpiring on the injection well problem as it unfolds between us and EPA.

I would like specific recommendation on the injection well situation, if possible, by March 20, 1989. If not, as soon thereafter as possible. There is no rush on the cathodic well situation; but, I would like a formal report after the existing wells are reviewed. Let's set a target of May 1st if all the information is in by then.

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