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RESOURCES IN SWNM. TRANS THE FOLLOWING....

## ENCLOSURE

AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF A PROPOSED 345 KV  
POWER TRANSMISSION LINE CORRIDOR FROM  
DEMING, NEW MEXICO TO GREENLEE COUNTY, ARIZ....  
  
*see Ltr*

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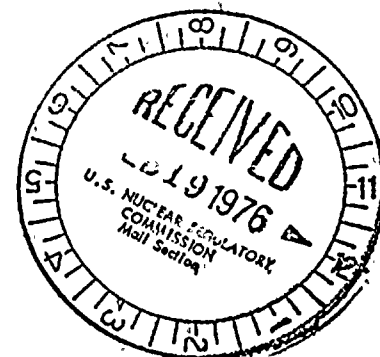


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Mr. William H. Regan, Jr.  
Chief of Environmental Projects  
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Regan:

Mr. Robert Gilbert, the NRC environmental project manager for the Palo Verde Nuclear Generation Station, recommended my writing to you in order to inform your agency that the Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) is complying with the regulations concerning archaeologic resources in our Southwest New Mexico Transmission Project (SWNMT). Although the second line of SWNMT is a part of the Palo Verde Nuclear Power Generation Project (Project III), we are handling archaeological surveys and subsequent work at the same time for both transmission lines.

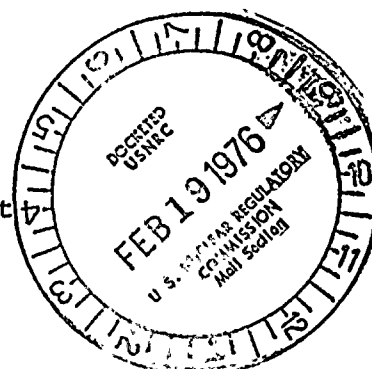
Dr. Stanley Bussey, of New Mexico State University, submitted the archaeological survey for the Greenlee-Deming portion of SWNMT in June, 1975. (A copy of his report accompanies this letter.) Construction of that phase is scheduled for late 1976, first half, 1977. The next phase, from Deming to El Paso, has not had archaeological work done yet. However, time frames for that phase are 1978 and 1981 and a survey for archaeological resources will be conducted prior to engineering and construction.

PNM has contacted Mr. Tom Merlin, the New Mexico Historic Preservation Officer, and informed him of what we have done about engineering the Greenlee-Deming phase in conjunction with archaeological sites identified by Dr. Bussey. Bussey's study revealed no sites that should be recommended to the National Register of historic sites. Mr. Merlin concurs with what I am saying and has been requested to provide a letter stating his concurrence.

Yours truly,

*Al Rodney*

A. B. Rodney  
Sr. Environmental Scientist



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