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To: Anette L. Vietti-Cook, Assistant Secretary
From: Peter Bloch, Administrative Judge *Peter Bloch*
Subject: Petition: Interfaith Stewards of Creation

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I received the attached petition on March 15, 1999. Please include it in the record of the Hydro Resources Case. The Petition arises from deeply held moral, spiritual and political views that exceed my jurisdiction, as I am bound by the rules and regulations. Please consider referring this to people in the Commission who are responsible for rulemaking or for the Commission's legislative agenda.

cc: Interfaith Stewards of Creation
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<i>Daniel Azra</i>	<i>70 E Green Gallup</i>	<i>3/7/99</i>
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