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Anette L. Vietti-Cook, Assistant Secretary

From:

Peter Bloch, Administrative Judge July

Date:

March 2, 1999

Subject:

Petition: Interfaith Stewards of Creation

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I received the attached petition this morning. 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 P.O. Box 3682 Gallup, New Mexico 87305

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing LB MEMO TO VIETTI-COOK RE PET. have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, except as otherwise noted and in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Sec. 2.712.

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