



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

Office of the Secretary

April 27, 2001

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Re: El Paso Energy Corporation/The Coastal Corporation
FTC File No. 001-0086, Docket No. C-3996.

Dear Ms. Blumkin:

This is in reference to the Request for Approval of Divestiture ("Request"), dated March 13, 2001, and filed by El Paso Energy Corporation ("El Paso"). Pursuant to the Decision and Order in File No. 001-0086, El Paso requests prior Commission approval of its proposal to divest certain assets to Northern Border Partners, LP.

After consideration of El Paso's Request and other available information, the Commission has determined to approve the proposed divestiture as set forth in El Paso's Request. In according its approval, the Commission has relied upon the information submitted and the representations made in connection with El Paso's Request and has assumed them to be accurate and complete.

By direction of the Commission.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald S. Clark".

Donald S. Clark
Secretary

cc: Eva N. Neufeld, Senior Counsel
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