The New Mexico Mining Commission meeting was convened at 9:15 A.M., September 13, 2002 in Porter Hall (OCD) conference room on 1st floor of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department building located at 1220 South Saint Francis Drive in Santa Fe.

The following members were present:

- Terry Fletcher, Chairman and Public Representative
- Bob Rogers, State Engineer’s Office
- John D’Antonio, Jr., Environment Department
- Peter Scholle, NM Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources
- Larry Kehoe, State Land Office
- Tod Stevenson, Department of Game and Fish
- John Bartlit, Public Representative
- Steve Loring, Ex-Officio, NM Agricultural Experiment Station
- Pat Freeman, Alternate
- Sally Malave, Commission Attorney

The following members were absent:

- Bruce Thomson, Alternate
- J. R. Roybal, Designee, NM Soil and Water Conservation Comm.

**Announcements:** Chairman Fletcher declares a quorum for purposes of conducting the meeting.

**Roll call**
The Commissioners announce their own names.

**Approval of the agenda**
Mr. Scholle moves to adopt the agenda, with second by Mr. Kehoe. Motion passes unanimously on a voice vote.

**Adoption of the minutes of the August 28, 2002 Meeting**
After the Commission takes a moment to review the minutes, there is a motion by Mr. Stevenson to approve the minutes with second by Mr. Rogers. The motion passes unanimously on a voice vote.
Deliberation and action on Joint Petition for Rulemaking (02-01) requesting the Commission amend Part 5 of its regulations establishing deadlines for approval of closeout plans

Note: The hearing on Petition 02-01 occurred on August 28 and 29, 2002 with the hearing record closed at the conclusion of the hearing.

After discussion among the Commissioners there is a motion by Mr. Kehoe to reject the petition, and the alternative language offered by the Gila Resources Information Project (GRIP), with second by Mr. Scholle. After a lengthy follow-up discussion Mr. Scholle withdraws his second and Mr. Kehoe withdraws the motion.

After continued discussion among the Commissioners there is a motion by Mr. Scholle to reject the petition and the alternative language offered by GRIP, with second by Mr. Loring. The motion passes a roll call vote with all Commissioners except Bob Rogers voting to deny the Petition.

Other business
None.

Adjourn
Motion by Mr. Rogers to adjourn with second by Mr. Kehoe. Motion passes unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourns at 11:12 A.M.

Approved:

Minutes by:

Terry Fletcher, Chairman                Date                John J. Pfieil, Commission Clerk