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### **El Paso Energy Funds Library Maps Project**

The New Mexico State University Library has received a gift of \$30,000 from the El Paso Energy Corporation for the Border Maps Project. The project will build a unique and comprehensive collection of topographic maps for the U.S./Mexico border area to benefit regional users of mapping information. Cheryl Wilson, Special Collections Librarian, will be the project director.

Wilson said, "This generous donation from the El Paso Energy Corporation provides the NMSU Library the opportunity to make border maps available to both campus and community researchers. Currently, topographic maps for the border area are not available for public use in southern New Mexico."

The El Paso Energy Corporation has enjoyed a long-term relationship with New Mexico State University, providing sustained support over the past 40 years for a wide variety of programs at NMSU.

Maps of the northern Mexican states of Chihuahua, Sonora, Durango, Baja California Norte, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas, and the U.S. border states of Texas, Arizona, California, and New Mexico in paper format will comprise the largest portion of the collection. The collection will also include CD-ROM format maps as they are made available.

When completed, this significant collection will be available to businesses, researchers, students, and the public all hours that the NMSU Library is open. It will be housed on the second floor of Branson Library under Wilson's supervision. Wilson, who has headed Special Collections since 1985, is a member of the Western Association of Map Libraries

and the Map and Geography Round Table of the American Library Association. For more information, please contact Wilson at 646-3238.

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