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The Texas-based Ensa Corporation recently requested an export license from the US Department of Energy to sell natural gas to maquiladora plants in Mexico. The company's proposal turns around construction of a \$500 million 500-mile pipeline between Zapata, Texas, and Monterrey, Mexico. Ensa plans to build half the 36" diameter pipeline between Zapata and the Mexican border town, Las Lomas. Mexico's state-run oil company, PEMEX, would construct the other half, from Las Lomas to Monterrey. The US company proposes to sell Mexico approximately 500 million cubic feet per day over the next five years, while purchasing an undetermined quantity of Mexican fuel oil. (Sources: El Financiero, 11/13/90; The Mexico City News, 11/14/90)

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