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NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION SCHEDULES A SECOND WORKSHOP ON THE COMMUNITY SOLAR RULEMAKING

(SANTA FE, NM – AUGUST 12) – The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) issued a single signature order yesterday, effectively scheduling a second workshop for the Rulemaking for the Community Solar Act on Friday, August 27, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. MDT. Workshop topics are expected to include:

- Utility Methodology for Developing Solar Bill Credits
- New Approaches to Valuing Distributed Generation for Community Solar
- Ways to Allocate the Community Solar Project Capacity
- Lessons from Other States' Community Solar Programs
- Consumer Protection and Information Disclosure
- Linkages with the PRC Interconnection proceeding

Any person who may wish to participate in the workshop must notify the Zoom host, Isaac Sullivan-Leshin, no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, August 26, 2021, by sending an email to isaac.sullivan-leshin@state.nm.us that lists the name, email and organization (if applicable) of each person who wishes to participate. A Zoom invitation to the workshop will be sent out on August 26, 2021.

Any person who does <u>not</u> wish to participate in the workshop but merely view the workshop may do so via streaming video on the Commission's website at https://www.nm-prc.org/.

The **Community Solar Act** was signed into law earlier this year. It outlines requirements for community solar facilities, subscriber organizations, and subscriptions and prescribes requirements for administration of a community solar program. The act provides that renewable energy certificates associated with a community solar project are the property of the qualifying utility; it provides exceptions for native community solar projects and rural electric cooperatives; and directs the Commission to adopt rules to implement a community solar program by April 1, 2022. This workshop provides stakeholders an opportunity to assist in the development of those rules.

The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) regulates the <u>utilities</u>, <u>telecommunications</u>, and <u>motor carrier</u> industries to ensure fair and reasonable rates, and to assure reasonable and adequate services to the public as provided by law.

The PRC also promotes public safety through the offices of <u>Pipeline Safety Bureau</u> and <u>Transportation Division</u>.

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