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### **U.S. Senator Heinrich, Commissioner Garcia Richard, Business and Regulatory Leaders to Host Virtual Panel on the Future of Wind Energy in New Mexico**

*New Mexico leaders to discuss the state's emergence in wind power and its potential as a national leader*

**Santa Fe, NM** – On Wednesday, June 24th, U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich, New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands Stephanie Garcia Richard, and several business and industry leaders will participate in a virtual panel on the emergence of wind energy in New Mexico. Sponsored by the New Mexico State Land Office in partnership with Powering New Mexico, the panel will be discussing New Mexico's rapidly increased development of wind and its potential to be a national leader.

As wind energy has [become the top choice for new power in the U.S.](#) and with increased questions about energy demand in light of COVID-19, Wednesday's panel will mark several topics including the expanding clean energy economy, the state's potential for wind projects, and the need for transmission upgrades to deliver new power.

### **WHAT**

New Mexico State Land Office and Powering New Mexico Present a Virtual Panel:

## *New Mexico's Renewable Energy Future*

### **WHO**

- U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich
- Stephanie Garcia Richard, New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands
- Rikki Seguin, Executive Director, Interwest Energy Alliance
- Fernando Martinez, Executive Director, New Mexico Renewable Energy Transition Authority (RETA)
- Sarah Webster, Vice President of Investor Relations, Government Relations, and Corporate Communications, Pattern Energy
- John Hensley, Vice President of Research and Analytics, American Wind Energy Association

Moderator: Candace Beeke, Publisher of Albuquerque Business First

### **WHEN**

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

4:00 PM MST

### **RSVP**

[Please register at this following link to access the virtual panel.](#)

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### **About the New Mexico State Land Office**

*In fiscal year 2019, the State Land Office earned over \$1 billion from leasing state trust lands for a wide variety of uses, including ranching and farming, renewable energy, business development, and mineral development. These earnings support 22 land trust beneficiaries, which include public schools throughout the state, seven universities and colleges, the School for the Deaf, the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, three hospitals, correctional facilities, water conservation projects, and public building construction and repair. Learn more at [NMStateLands.org](http://NMStateLands.org)*

### **About Powering New Mexico**

*Powering New Mexico, an initiative of the American Wind Energy Association, is an alliance of New Mexicans who believe we must harness our state's renewable energy resources, support growth in wind capacity, and advocate for transmission upgrades to deliver that power to market. Learn more at [PoweringNM.com](http://PoweringNM.com).*