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THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION IS COMMITTED TO
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(SANTA FE, NM—MARCH 9) — Like much of the State, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC) has been teleworking for the past year. After many months of being without physical office space, a new location for the PRC has been determined and both Commissioners and some staff look forward to returning to work in person when it is safe and appropriate to do so, while some of the agency's staff will continue teleworking. In the meantime, the NMPRC has been able to continue its work for the people of New Mexico through hearings with utility companies, ensuring fair utility rates and practices, examining proposed legislation to determine the impact on New Mexico consumers and utility companies alike, and investigating and responding to consumer concerns throughout the state. The NMPRC's Open Meeting occurs every Wednesday beginning at 9:30 a.m. MST, and is open for anyone to attend via YouTube. Please visit the NMPRC's website <http://nmprc.state.nm.us/open-meeting.html#gsc.tab=0> to view the agenda and find the link for each week's meeting.

While some Commissioners, like many New Mexicans, are challenged with connectivity issues at their homes, they have persevered. District Four Commissioner, Theresa Becenti-Aguilar, said she is encouraged by and appreciative of her colleagues and the staff at the PRC as they work through important legislation on behalf of New Mexicans. "We are all working together to get it done," she said and she applauds the Utilities and Legal Divisions, especially, for all of their tireless efforts combing through volumes of records to provide pertinent information on potential rulings and legislation. "I respect all the employees and staff members who are working under extraordinary conditions," Commissioner Becenti-Aguilar added.

With the new constitutional amendment that will change Commissioners from elected to governor-appointed officials beginning January 1, 2023, the NMPRC is busy creating a two-year work plan, focused on addressing projects, such as necessary rulemakings, that will allow for a smooth transition. As the NMPRC looks to the future, Commissioners are interested in making an impact and are taking a very proactive approach. The NMPRC is partnering with Sandia National Laboratories on a grid modeling project, in response to the Energy Transition Act, to explore

electrical grid modernization and how this will function across New Mexico. Special Advisors from the Department of Energy have also been retained to lend technical expertise to initiatives at the NMPRC. “We are finding a creative use of resources to bring in additional technical expertise at no cost to the taxpayer,” Commissioner Stephen Fischmann of District 5 said.

Additionally of note, Commissioners plan to address the recent inclement weather and any resulting utility bill impacts that has been a subject in recent news.

The NMPRC Consumer Relations Division can be reached at 1-888-427-5772 for any questions or concerns that cannot be resolved directly with the utility company.

The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC) regulates the [utilities](#), [telecommunications](#), and [motor carrier](#) industries to ensure fair and reasonable rates, and to assure reasonable and adequate services to the public as provided by law.

The NMPRC also promotes public safety through the offices of [State Fire Marshal](#), the [Firefighter Training Academy](#), [Pipeline Safety Bureau](#) and [Transportation Division](#).

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