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## PRC selected by NARUC as host for energy internship program

SANTA FE — The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) today announced that it was selected as a host for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Summer 2023 Energy Internship Program. At the PRC, the intern will play an essential role in supporting and advancing the Commission's work in the regulation of electric, natural gas, renewable energy resources, telecommunications, and water and wastewater systems.

"This internship is an exciting opportunity for the PRC to attract graduate students who are eager to begin a career in energy regulation," said Commission Chair Pat O'Connell. "Working alongside the expert staff at the PRC will provide an intern with the foundational technical skills, professional experience, and institutional knowledge needed to successfully pursue a regulatory career that can have a meaningful impact."

The intern will be involved in a variety of public utility cases handled by the Utility Division. This may include analysis of rate cases, review and analysis of integrated resource planning and resource adequacy, review and analysis of renewable energy projects, and the analysis of broadband projects.

Additionally, the intern will work closely with Commissioners and staff to research, analyze, and present issues of public importance related to the changing energy landscape. Senior level Utility Division staff will serve as mentors and supervisors to the intern.

The intern will work with PRC staff on cutting edge issues such as grid modernization, renewable energy, transmission and distribution, and other emerging energy issues.

The application to host the energy internship program was highly competitive, with only three total internship spots available across the country. The host commission selections were made by the NARUC Subcommittee on Education and Research.

All energy interns participating in the program must be enrolled or have completed graduate level studies within the past 12 months. While NARUC will provide a stipend of \$5,000 directly to the intern during the program, each of the host state commissions will be responsible for conducting interviews and ultimately hiring the intern. The internship program will last for at least 10 weeks.

For individuals who are interested in applying for this competitive internship position with the PRC, please send a letter of interest and resume to <u>PRC-HumanResourcesBureau@prc.nm.gov</u>.

An online version of this release is available here.

The **New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC)** regulates the <u>utilities, 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 NMPRC also promotes public safety through the <u>Pipeline Safety</u> <u>Bureau</u> and <u>Transportation Division</u>.