

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW)	
MEXICO FOR PRIOR APPROVAL OF)	
THE ADVANCED METERING)	
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT,)	Case No. 15-00312-UT
DETERMINATION OF RATEMAKING)	
PRINCIPLES AND TREATMENT, AND)	
ISSUANCE OF RELATED ACCOUNTING)	
ORDERS)	

ORDER SUSPENDING ADVICE NOTICE 522

THIS MATTER having come before the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (“Commission” or “NMPRC”) on Public Service Company of New Mexico’s (“PNM”) February 26, 2016 **APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT, ADVICE NOTICE NO. 521, NINTH REVISED RATE NO. 16 AND REQUESTS FOR VARIANCE** (“Application”).

The Commission, having considered the Application, and being otherwise duly informed, **FINDS:**

1) PNM filed the current Application together with Ninth Revised Rate No. 16 under Advice Notice No. 521 on February 25, 2016 seeking approval to implement PNM’s Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project which would replace existing meters with AMI meters that would permit PNM to read meters remotely.

2) On March 23, 2016, the Commission issued an Initial Order ordering a hearing examiner to be assigned to conduct a hearing on PNM’s application and rejecting PNM’s proposed rate under Advice Notice 521 due to PNM’s failure to comply with §62-8-7(B)’s

requirement that all advice notices “plainly state the ...time when the changed rates will go into effect.”

3) On April 4, 2016, PNM filed Advice Notice 522 to replace Advice Notice 521. Advice Notice 522 appears identical to Advice Notice 521 with the exception of providing an effective date of May 4, 2016.

4) The rates set forth in Advice Notice 522 should not go into effect without a public hearing concerning the justness and reasonableness of those rates and, accordingly, those rates should be suspended for a period of nine months commencing May 4, 2016.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

A. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject of Advice Notice 522.

B. The proposed rates set forth in Advice Notice No. 522 are hereby suspended for a period of nine (9) months commencing May 4, 2016.

C. A review of the fairness and reasonableness of the rates proposed in Advice Notice 522 shall be conducted in the same proceeding concerning PNM’s Application previously commenced by the Commission’s March 23, 2016 Initial Order.

D. This Order is effective immediately and a copy of this Order shall be served upon the attached service list by e-mail, if e-mail addresses are known, or by regular mail otherwise.

ISSUED under the Seal of the Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 20th day
of April, 2016.

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

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OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the **Order Suspending Advice Notice 522** issued on April 20, 2016, was served by email on April 20, 2016, to the following:

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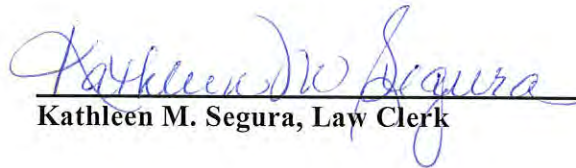
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