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Via PRCe360 e-Filing & Case Management System
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Subject: **Public Service Company of New Mexico's Application for CCN Approval, Location Approval, ROW Determination, and Acquisition for the Mid-State 345 kV Transmission Project - Docket No. 26-0000XXX**

Public Service Company of New Mexico ("PNM") hereby files its Application requesting New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("Commission") approval to construct, own, and operate the Mid-State 345 kV Transmission Project and associated facilities (the "Project"). The Project consists of a new, approximately 102.8-mile, 345 kV transmission path extending from PNM's Western Spirit Switching Station to the Hidden Mountain Substation, including related station expansions, reactive support, series compensation, and remedial action scheme modifications.

Through the Application, PNM requests: (1) a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 62-9-1 and 62-9-6; (2) approval of the location of the Project pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 62-9-3 and 17.9.592 NMAC; (3) a determination pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 62-9-3.2 that a 200-foot right-of-way ("ROW") width is necessary for the Project; and (4) to the extent the Commission deems it necessary, express written authorization pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 62-6-12(A)(4) for PNM to acquire the transmission line from Mid-State Transmission LLC once construction is complete. PNM is not requesting a determination of ratemaking principles or cost recovery in this proceeding.

This filing includes the direct testimony and exhibits of six PNM witnesses and contains the following components:

- Executive Summary
- Application
- Proposed Form of Notice
- Compliance Matrix
- Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Adam J. Alvarez, Kelsey L. Martinez, Adam K. McClellan, Cathy Newby, Ian Evans, and Gregory Parent.

The Application and supporting direct testimony will be served electronically on parties to Case No. 24-00089-UT, parties to Docket No. 26-0000114, the New Mexico Department of Justice, the Commission's Utility Division Staff, the New Mexico Environment Department, the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer, and appropriate local authorities for the location control

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request. PNM will also complete service and notice in accordance with applicable Commission requirements.

Because the statutes governing the requested approvals establish different deadlines, PNM respectfully requests a procedural schedule that permits a final order on the ROW request within six months and no later than nine months for the CCN and location approval requests. Timely Commission review will support the Project's planned end-of-2029 energization date.

This Application is being electronically filed through the Commission's PRCe360 e-Filing and Case Management System. A check in the amount of $25.00 for the Application will be mailed to the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, and a copy of the check will be filed separately through PRCe360.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 505-241-2647 or at laura.maestas@pnm.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment

Cc: Certificate of Service
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