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NOTICE TO PNM CUSTOMERS AND PUBLIC

Public Service Company of New Mexico ("PNM") has filed an application requesting issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") to construct, own and operate the Mid-State 345 kV Transmission Project and associated facilities (the "Project"). The Project is a new, approximately 102.8-mile, 345 kV transmission path extending from PNM's Western Spirit Switching Station in Torrance County to the Hidden Mountain Substation in Valencia County and includes related station expansions, reactive support, series compensation, and remedial action scheme modifications. PNM also requests approval to locate the Project within the proposed transmission-study corridor. The Project will also require Commission approval of a Right-of-Way (ROW) width of 200 feet. Additionally, PNM is requesting, to the extent the Commission deems it necessary, express written authorization for PNM to acquire the transmission line from Pattern Energy Group LP once it is constructed. PNM asserts the Project is needed to provide the network reinforcement required to deliver renewable energy interconnected in eastern New Mexico toward PNM's principal load-serving area, strengthen system reliability and resiliency, support load growth and changing resource needs, and improve operational flexibility. PNM requests a procedural schedule that permits a final order on the ROW-width request within six months and on the CCN and location-approval requests within nine months after filing. PNM's application includes best-known cost estimates for the Project, however any ratemaking treatment will be deferred to a future general rate case.

Because of different statutory deadlines, the Commission has bifurcated this matter into two separate proceedings.

- A proceeding concerning PNM's request for issuance of a CCN and location approval to construct, own, and operate a new 345 kV transmission line extending from PNM's

Western Spirit Switching Station to the Hidden Mountain Substation, which is **Docket No. 26-0000188**, and is described in this Notice.

- A proceeding concerning PNM's request for the necessary ROW-width to construct and maintain the transmission line, which is Docket No. 26-0000195, and is described in a separate notice being issued at or about the same time as this one.

The dates in this Notice apply only to the portions of the Application being heard under Docket No. 26-0000188, concerning PNM's request for issuance of a CCN and location approval. Dates related to the portion of the Application relating to PNM's request for the necessary ROW-width are included in the Notice for Docket No. 26-0000195.

More information about this proceeding can be found on PNM's website, https://www.pnm.com/regulatory, and the Commission's PRCe360 Docketing System at https://e360.prc.nm.gov ,or by contacting the Commission at the addresses and telephone number provided below. The Commission has assigned Docket No. **26-0000188** to this case. All questions or written comments about this case should refer to this docket number.

NO ACTION IS REQUIRED UNLESS YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC HEARING OR COMMENT ON THE PROCEEDINGS.

The major events for public participation in this matter will occur as follows:

- ➢ Deadline to file protests: **February 8, 2027.**
  Any person who wishes to protest any part of PNM's Application must file, by this date, a document that at a minimum identifies: (1) the party who is protesting; (2) the specific aspects of the Application that are being protested; (3) a brief explanation of the reason for the protest; (4) any relevant statute or rule implicated by the Protest.
- ➢ Deadline to file motions to intervene to become a party: **February 10, 2027**
- ➢ Deadline to file intervenors' direct testimony: **February 12, 2027**
- ➢ Deadline to file rebuttal testimony: **February 26, 2027**
- ➢ Public Evidentiary Hearing: **March 22-23, 2027**

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held beginning at **9:00 A.M.** on **March 22, 2027**, to hear and receive testimony, exhibits, and legal arguments about PNM's Application. The public hearing will take place via the Zoom platform. Members of the public can watch the hearing via a livestream on the Commission's YouTube channel and its website, https://www.prc.nm.gov/public-hearings/.

PARTICIPATION AS A PARTY

If you wish to appear in this case as a party, you must file a motion for leave to intervene, pursuant to 1.2.2.23 NMAC, on or before **February 10, 2027**. Intervenors must become familiar with the rules regarding practicing before the Commission and all other applicable rules.

The Commission's Rules of Procedure, found at 1.2.2 NMAC, apply to this case except if modified by order of the Commission or hearing examiners. The rules of procedure and other NMPRC rules are available online at the New Mexico Compilation Commission at https://nmonesource.com/nmos/en/nav.do.

THE DEADLINES GIVEN HERE ARE NOT ALL THE DEADLINES SET FORTH IN THIS MATTER, AND PARTIES AND POTENTIAL INTERVENORS SHOULD READ THE COMPLETE PROCEDURAL ORDER ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 20, 2026, FOUND ON THE PRCe360 DOCKETING SYSTEM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Those who are not associated with a party to this case may make written or oral comment as allowed by Rule 1.2.2.23(F) NMAC. Written comments must refer to Docket 26-0000188 and be submitted before the Commission makes a final decision. Written comments should be submitted online through the PRCe360 Docketing System provided below. Comments can also be sent via US mail to PRC Records P.O. Box 1269, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

Alternatively, oral public comments are also welcome during Commission open meetings. The open meeting schedule can be found at www.prc.nm.gov/nmprc-open-meeting-

agenda/. Email public.comment@prc.nm.gov or call (505) 490-7910 to sign up to comment online or by phone at an open meeting. If the Commission determines a separate hearing should be set for oral comments for this matter, the date, time, and location will be announced on the Commission's website, https://www.prc.nm.gov.

Instructions to submit written public comment online, to file pleadings and other documents, and to search Commission dockets are found at **https://e360.prc.nm.gov**. All filings subject to deadlines must be submitted within regular business hours of the due date to be considered timely filed.

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHO, IN ORDER TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING, REQUIRE A READER, AMPLIFIER, QUALIFIED SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER, OR ANY OTHER FORM OF AUXILIARY AID OR SERVICE OR OTHER TYPE OF ACCESSIBLE FORMAT OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OF THE COMMISSION AT (505) 827-8019 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO THE HEARING.

Anyone desiring more information about this case may contact the Commission by phone at (505) 827-4084 or 1-888-427-5772 or by email at Ryan.Jimenez@prc.nm.gov.