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PNM crews help clear powerlines near State Fairgrounds

(Albuquerque, NM) – This week, PNM line crews, along with the City of Albuquerque, spent a morning removing hundreds of objects, from overhead power and communication lines surrounding the New Mexico State Fairgrounds. Among the objects were shoes, and in one unexpected case, a pair of squash.

“Our crews work hard every day to keep the electric system safe and reliable, and removing objects from overhead lines is an important part of that work,” said Mike Prescott, Director of Transmission and Distribution for PNM. “Items thrown onto power lines can create real safety hazards for our linemen and can even lead to outages for customers. We appreciate the support from APD and the Solid Waste Management Department in helping us Power New Mexico, Together.”

Objects thrown onto power lines are more than just an eyesore, they can create safety hazards for crews working on the lines and increase the risk of outages for nearby customers. These hazards are especially concerning during emergency response situations, when linemen must work quickly and safely to restore service.

“Shoes belong on your feet, not on power lines. We know this happens from time to time in our city, and it’s not a good thing,” said Mayor Tim Keller. “We’re working with PNM to address a small, but visible issue in our neighborhoods.”

PNM extends its appreciation to the Albuquerque Police Department and Solid Waste Management Department for their support throughout the removal effort. Their partnership helped ensure a safe work environment for crews and contributed to improving safety in the surrounding community.

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About PNM

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