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PRC Vice Chair Shares View on Regulatory Agency's Future

SANTA FE—New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) Vice-Chair Theresa Becenti-Aguilar held a press conference Tuesday to discuss personal views on PRC reform following the release of a Think New Mexico study that calls for the state to make major adjustments to the agency's structure and require its commissioners to possess certain qualifications to be in office.

Following the press conference, Vice-Chair Becenti-Aguilar issued the following statement:

“As Vice-Chair, I strongly disagree with Think New Mexico’s proposed reorganizational ideas concerning the Public Regulation Commission. Think New Mexico needs to re-examine their approach to the PRC, especially since they did not visit my office once to ask me about my job or what improvements we are working on at the Commission. I am a new voice, a different voice and a strong voice. I believe we can only reach our goals through a government based on the consent. As an elected official in office only 15 months, I work as an independent with an honest voting record and I like my job. I appreciate the 260 employees here who work very hard and do a great job helping all New Mexicans.”

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About the NMPRC

The NMPRC regulates public utilities, telecommunications companies and motor carriers operating in the State of New Mexico. It also administers the State Fire Marshal’s Office, the New Mexico Firefighters Training Academy in Socorro, New Mexico, Pipeline Safety Bureau and the Corporations Bureau, which registers state corporations. The NMPRC is also responsible for the oversight of the New Mexico Insurance Division and the state’s superintendent of insurance.