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PRC Vice Chair Kicks Off Native American Heritage Month with Outreach Tour

Press conference to outline upcoming tour schedule and information

SANTA FE—New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) Vice-Chair, Theresa Becenti-Aguilar, will hold a press conference on Thursday, October 20 to announce the start of her District 4 Outreach Tour, which will visit multiple locations over the next several months to tout community-based PRC initiatives in the region.

Vice-Chair Becenti-Aguilar's outreach tour will aim to provide New Mexico residents, tribes and pueblos valuable information about the PRC and its different divisions, and will work in conjunction with volunteered participation from local gas, utility and telecommunications companies.

"This is a special way to bring my constituency's concerns to the process of regulating utility, telephone and insurance companies," Becenti-Aguilar said.

In addition to the press conference, the event will include traditional native dancing and drumming by JJ Ahboah (Kiowa/Cheyenne) of Albuquerque, native food and brief speeches from invited New Mexico Tribal Leaders.

DATE: Kick-off event and press conference are Thursday, October 20, 2011

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: West entrance of the P.E.R.A. Building – 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, NM 87504

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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.

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