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PRC Vice Chair Embarks on District Four Outreach Tour

SANTA FE—Today, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) Vice-Chair, Theresa Becenti-Aguilar, embarks on an extensive public outreach tour that will visit multiple locations over the next several months to provide information about the PRC and its different divisions to residents, tribes and pueblos in District 4.

The tour started in Santa Fe with a Native American Heritage Month Kick-Off event attended by PRC staff, representatives from various utility companies and Tribal Leaders from around New Mexico. A press conference was also held, during which Becenti-Aguilar outlined her goals for the tour and why reaching out to her district and the taxpayers of New Mexico about the PRC's work is important.

"I am pleased to be here today to speak alongside our state's Tribal Leaders about this upcoming tour and the benefits it will have for the people of District 4," Becenti-Aguilar said. "This is a fantastic opportunity for my office to reach out to the public and provide support to the people of New Mexico. I am also happy the PRC staff, my colleagues and division directors had an opportunity to learn more about one of their Commissioners."

The first leg of the tour travels through Zuni, Farmington, Crownpoint and Shiprock. A second leg will begin in early 2012. Throughout the excursion, Becenti-Aguilar and her staff will work in conjunction with volunteered participation from local gas, utility and telecommunications companies to deliver messaging and materials.

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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.