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## PRC Vice Chair Touts Native American Tax Exemption Program and Utility Issues in Farmington and Crownpoint Next Week

*Tax slashing program applies to all 22 tribes in New Mexico*

**SANTA FE**—New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) Vice-Chair, Theresa Becenti-Aguilar, has been on the road the past few weeks providing information about the PRC and its different divisions to residents, tribes and pueblos in District 4.

Among the topics on her tour's agenda is the PRC's Native American Tax Exemption program, which provides certain types of tax breaks and surcharge exemptions to Native American businesses and individuals from all 22 tribes in the state who live on pueblos or Indian lands. Potential exemptions include, state, city and county gross receipts taxes, 911 fees, municipal and county franchise fees, telecommunications relay service charges, and New Mexico Universal Service Charges.

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.

The first two events will take place next Monday and Wednesday in Farmington and Crownpoint:

### FARMINGTON:

Monday, November 14 from 1-7 p.m. at the Farmington Civic Center, Exhibition Hall 1, located at 200 W. Arrington, Farmington, NM.

### CROWNPOINT:

Wednesday, November 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Navajo Technical College's Career and Job Fair in the Culinary Arts Building located at Lower Point Rd. State Hwy. 371, Crownpoint, NM.

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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.