

# NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

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## NEWS RELEASE

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## PRC Chair and Vice-Chair to Stay the Same in New Year

*Implementing new management study to improve PRC a top priority in 2012*

**SANTA FE**—At its regular open meeting Tuesday, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) voted unanimously to reinstate Commissioner Patrick Lyons as its chairman and Commissioner Theresa Becenti-Aguilar as its vice-chair in 2012.

Both commissioners expressed thanks to fellow PRC members for the opportunity to continue serving in their respective roles on the commission.

“I’m very proud to continue serving my district and the people of New Mexico as chairman of the PRC,” Lyons said. “I have a tremendous amount of confidence in my fellow commissioners and am looking forward to working with each of them in the New Year.”

The two commissioners also voiced mutual interest in reviewing a new internal management study being presented by PRC staff next week that will seek to make operational improvements and create better consumer service.

Some new changes at the PRC will include a Commissioner’s Code of Ethics and Oath of Ethical Conduct for employees, both of which the agency hopes will create more transparency and help it provide stronger service to taxpayers. In addition, the PRC has created an improved, more user-friendly website and instituted a strict gas card policy to better balance fleet management.

Becenti-Aguilar also pointed out that PRC open meetings are now webcast live each week. The goal, Lyons added, is for the commission to work toward becoming a better, more efficient organization.

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### About the NMPRC

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