

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC or Commission) gives notice of its proposed adoption of a new Rule, 17.9.2 NMAC - Procurement Requirements For Investor Owned Electric Utilities (New Rule), pertaining to procurements by New Mexico investor-owned electric public utilities.

Concise statement of proposed rule: The Rule intends to set forth the Commission's requirements for procurements by investor-owned electric utilities of supply-side and demand-side resources in order to ensure fair and robust competition for those resources and identify the most cost-effective resource options available to meet the energy needs of their customers and otherwise protect the public interest.

Copies of the Order Initiating Proposed Rulemaking containing additional information and filing instructions may be downloaded from the Proposed Rulemaking section of the Commission's website at: <http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us> under Case No. 18-00030-UT or by calling the Commission's Records Management Bureau at (505) 827-6968.

Written Initial Comments and written Response Comments shall be filed by the deadlines below with the Commission's Records Management Bureau at P.O. Box 1269, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1269 or by hand delivery to the NMPRC Records Management Bureau at 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Room 406, Santa Fe, NM 87501 as follows: Written Initial Comments not later than March 15, 2020, and written Response Comments not later than April 15, 2020. Comments shall refer to Case No. 18-00030-UT. All written comments will be posted on the Rulemaking Proceedings section of the Commission's website at <http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us> under Case No. 18-00030-UT within three days of receipt and will also be available for public inspection at the Commission's Records Management Bureau at 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Room 406, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

A public hearing will be held on May 15, 2020, beginning at 9:30 p.m. at the offices of the Commission located in the 4th Floor Hearing Room of the old PERA Building, at 1120 Paseo de Peralta, in Santa Fe. The purpose of the hearing is to receive oral comments. Because commenters are afforded the opportunity to submit written comments and written responses to the Commission, any individual who wants to provide oral comments shall be limited to five minutes to express those comments, subject to the Commission's discretion. The Commission may also determine that a spokesperson be designated to speak on behalf of an organization, a group, or a group of individuals that shares the same message or seeks the same goals, in order to maximize the efficiency of the public comment hearing. No testimony or other evidence will be taken at the hearing as this is a rulemaking proceeding.

The record of this case will close fourteen (14) days after the public hearing held on May 15, 2020 (date of record closure is May 29, 2020).

Interested persons should contact the Commission to confirm the date, time, and place of this public hearing because hearings are occasionally rescheduled.

If you are an individual with a disability and you require assistance or an auxiliary aid (such as a sign language interpreter) to participate in any aspect of this process, please contact Mr. Isaac Sullivan-Leshin at (505) 827-4501 at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of the hearing.

Statutory Authority: New Mexico Constitution, Article XI, Section 2; the New Mexico Public Utility Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 62-3-1 et seq., (the "PUA") and the Public Regulation Commission Act, NMSA 1978, Section 8-8-1 through 8-8-21; NMSA 1978, Paragraph (10) of Subsection B of Section 8-8-4 NMSA 1978.