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NEWS RELEASE

AV Water Seeks to Transfer Harvest Gold Operation to Blanco Mutual Domestic Water Assn. *Expedited Hearing Set for November 9 in Santa Fe*

SANTA FE – AV Water Company LLC filed an application with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC) on Tuesday, November 1 to transfer and abandon the Harvest Gold portion of its regulated utility service. The application seeks to transfer the ownership as well as the operation of Harvest Gold to the Blanco Mutual Domestic Water Association.

AV Water officials state that due to the company's dire financial situation as well as the age and condition of the Harvest Gold system, the most economic and efficient solution for Harvest Gold customers is to transfer the system to Blanco.

The Commission voted 4-0 on Wednesday, November 2 to approve the order setting an expedited hearing for Wednesday, November 9. The hearing will be held at the end of the Commission's open meeting in the Fourth Floor Hearing Room of the PERA Building in Santa Fe.

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, N.M., and the Pipeline Safety Bureau.

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