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NEWS RELEASE

PRC Schedules Public Comment Hearings on PNM's Smart Meter Proposal in Silver City

SANTA FE – New Mexico Public Regulation Commissioner Sandy Jones on Wednesday, June 1, signed an order scheduling public comment hearings in Silver City regarding an application submitted by Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) for approval of the company's Advanced Meter Infrastructure Project.

In this case, Case No. 15-00312-UT, PNM has requested the Commission's approval of its Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project. If granted by the Commission, the requested approvals will allow PNM to proceed with a program of replacing its existing electricity consumption and demand meters with AMI meters and equipment that will allow PNM to remotely read customers' meters. The company states that the costs of AMI will be less than \$87.2 million.

The Commission has scheduled two public comment hearings in Silver City to accommodate the strong public interest locally on Thursday, June 23. The first is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m., and the second at 5 p.m. Both will be held at the County Commission Meeting Room, Grant County Administration Center, 1400 Highway 180 East, Silver City.

The Commission may set a time limit on the length of comments in order to accommodate all who seek to provide public comment.

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