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NEWS RELEASE

## PRC Chief of Staff Archuleta Meets With Workforce, Sets Agency Direction

**SANTA FE** – On Wednesday, May 18, New Mexico Public Regulation Commissioners formally offered the agency’s Chief of Staff position to Ernest Archuleta, who comes to the NMPRC from the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

Mr. Archuleta holds a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and is a licensed engineer in the states of New Mexico and Nevada. He was employed by the New Mexico Department of Transportation from 1994 until 2016. There he served in the capacity of Operations Division Director for that state agency for the last 12 years. Prior to state employment, Mr. Archuleta was employed by Los Alamos National Laboratory Support from 1984 to 1994.

“I am excited to be a part of the PRC,” Archuleta stated during a meeting with agency staff Monday morning, June 6, his first official day on the job. “I’m hopeful that I can bring some value to a great organization. My hopes are that, as an agency, while serving the interests of the public that we also meet the goals of the Commission and provide acknowledgement for each employee’s contributions to the PRC.”

Archuleta brings to the Public Regulation Commission extensive administrative and operational management experience, and knowledge of handling a large state division.

“I am very pleased that the well regarded Mr. Archuleta is on board to manage this complex agency,” Commission Chair Valerie Espinoza stated. “Mr. Archuleta’s engineering background, understanding of government operations and employee management experience are a welcomed addition. Based upon the positive recommendations when he was being vetted and the feedback that I received since his hire was announced, I believe that Mr. Archuleta is the right person for this job.”

“Mr. Archuleta brings over 30 years of diverse experience to the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission,” stated Commission Vice-Chair Karen Montoya. “His engineering background as well as diverse experience in state government, office and organizational management made him an ideal candidate. I welcome him to the PRC and look forward to working with him as he assumes the role of Chief of Staff.”

“After nine long months without a permanent Chief of Staff, I’m glad that we now have a Chief of Staff to focus fully on all highly pertinent administrative, policy, budgetary and personnel matters, which require full attention,” Commissioner

Lynda Lovejoy stated. "Now we are able to ensure a more stabilized staffing environment at the agency, and a more stabilized operation for the entities regulated by the PRC."

**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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