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# NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

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**NEWS RELEASE**

## Commissioner Espinoza addresses change in regulation

**SANTA FE** – As a result of a number of inquiries from customers, New Mexico Public Regulation Commissioner Valerie Espinoza feels it is important to communicate information on events that have occurred recently, impacting the regulation of phone service in her district and statewide.

In response to changes in technology and the competitive telecommunications marketplace, the State Legislature passed legislation effective June 2017 that changes the manner in which large wireline telephone companies are regulated in the state.

This new legislation replaces the basis for the Commission's regulation instituted for these companies operating in New Mexico, mandating more relaxed oversight in pricing and other regulations.

The Commission is currently in the process of determining the appropriate form of regulation for these large wireline carriers with more than 50,000 telephone access lines to comply with the requirements in the changed legislative language in Senate Bill 53.

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