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# NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **Commissioner Jones Applauds Solar Facility Groundbreaking at Holloman**

**SANTA FE** – New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Chairman Sandy Jones is pleased to announce the groundbreaking of a large-scale solar facility in his district at Holloman Air Force Base located outside of Alamogordo.

The facility will assist Holloman in fulfilling its mandate to utilize more renewable energy.

“I am excited to see this project break ground,” Jones stated. “These are the kind of projects I want to continue to facilitate in southern New Mexico. This project is an example of utility business model changes that are good for citizens and business alike. I applaud my Commission’s leadership to approve new ideas that benefit our communities state-wide.”

The energy output from this new solar facility is equivalent power for more than 1,800 homes in southern New Mexico. The 42-acre, 5 megawatt solar facility will be owned and operated by El Paso Electric. Holloman Air Force Base will purchase all the power from the facility. The facility will not affect rates for El Paso Electric customers.

“Anytime we can add more renewable energy to the portfolio, it is a big win for New Mexicans,” Jones said. “We should be leading the way in solar energy, and I will continue to help bring renewable energy projects like this to my district.”

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