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NEWS RELEASE

PRC Commission Chairwoman Montoya Addresses Albuquerque Chamber Board

Public Regulation Commission Chairwoman Karen Montoya on Thursday, March 26, addressed the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors at their regular meeting.

Chairwoman Montoya updated the Chamber membership regarding the current issues facing the PRC as well as recent legislation and economic development initiatives, and fielded many questions from those attending.

Chairwoman Montoya noted that the PRC supported Senate Bill 352, a bill emphasizing job creation that allows New Mexico electric utilities to offer short term rate incentives to attract, retain and expand businesses in New Mexico. Another project Commissioner Montoya discussed was the SunZia renewable transmission line project. That project will carry renewable energy produced in New Mexico to markets west. It has been stated by some that 34,000 jobs would be created with the SunZia project. Regarding the broadband initiative, Montoya went on to inform the Chamber board that in 10 years, schools in New Mexico are aiming to replace books with iPads. The broadband initiative will help to make that goal a reality. And finally, Chairwoman Montoya provided a procedural status of the San Juan abandonment case.

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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