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NEWS RELEASE

PRC Designates April 'Safe Digging Month'

SANTA FE – Commissioners of the Public Regulation Commission (PRC) today, Wednesday, March 25, signed a resolution designating April as Safe Digging Month within the state of New Mexico. The resolution won the full support of all five commissioners.

The PRC'S Pipeline Safety Bureau has long maintained 'New Mexico One Call 811' in an effort to prevent injury to persons and damage to property from accidents resulting from damage to pipelines, underground utility lines, cable television lines and related facilities by excavating and blasting. 811 is a federally-mandated FCC-designated N-11 number to eliminate confusion of multiple numbers.

The PRC's Transportation Division's Pipeline Safety Bureau is an active proponent of the 811 One-Call service, where one easy phone call to 811 a few days before digging quickly begins the process of getting underground utility lines marked for free and prevents underground utility damage.

The U.S. Department of Transportation and the Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration have long promoted the national 811, Call Before You Dig, service.

By signing Resolution 03-25-2015-A, the Commission is recognizing April as National Safe Digging Month to promote safety around excavation activities in New Mexico, and falls in line with the National Association of Regulated Utility Commissioners' encouraging the promotion of April as National Safe Digging Month.

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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