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NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION CLARIFIES PROCESS FOR UTILITIES REGARDING THE COMMUNITY SOLAR ACT AND UPCOMING RULEMAKING

(SANTA FE, NM—JULY 9)—The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC) would like to clarify for those interested in the development of community solar projects in New Mexico that the rules for implementing the state’s community solar program have not yet been established. Currently, the NMPRC is engaged in the Rulemaking process for the Community Solar Act, which was signed into law following the 2021 New Mexico legislative session. Those wishing to develop projects under the Community Solar Act will have established rules to follow on or before April 1, 2022.

An order regarding the Rulemaking, issued June 15, 2021, by the NMPRC, directs utilities to advise current, future, and likely community solar applicants of the following:

1. Existing interconnection rules remain in effect until they are amended or replaced by the NMPRC.
2. A place in a utility's applicant queue for interconnection does not and will not provide any advantage for selection as a community solar project prior to the NMPRC's rules being established, on or before April 1, 2022.

Anyone wishing to work with investor-owned utilities in New Mexico, please contact the following participating utilities regarding their community solar programs. For El Paso Electric, contact Roberto Favela Roberto.Favela@epelectric.com, Donna A. Enriquez Donna.AIHakeem@epelectric.com or Chris Corral Christopher.Corral@epelectric.com; for Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM):

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