

Update on New Mexico Electric Utility Regulation

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Highlights of Recent Changes in Utility Regulation

Created more flexibility for the State Commission to meet current and unforeseen challenges

Expanded statewide access to PRC expertise and collaboration with sister agencies





What we're Seeing

- Dramatic growth requirements
 - ► SPS
 - **▶** EPE
 - **▶** PNM
- ► Transmission challenges
 - NM Utilities Engaging with Regional Transmission Organizations
- Interconnection challenges





PRC Commitments

- Decreasing regulatory lag/increasing the efficiency of our proceedings
- Increasing quality and breadth of agency engagement
- Being responsive in balancing the needs of all stakeholders
 - Utilities
 - ▶ Public
 - Consumers
 - Developers
 - State





Where We're Going

- SB83 Innovation in State Government
 - PRC will be bringing on board Utility load forecasting and distribution modeling capabilities.
 - ▶ Allows independent analysis, verification of utility resource applications
 - Allows proactive research and increased visibility
- Grid Modernization Specialist
 - Increase the evaluation and strategic uptake of beneficial technologies
- Increased staffing means increased capacity means more thorough and timely work





Thank you!

Questions?

