

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission

FY 27 BUDGET REQUEST

Legislative Finance Committee

Representative Nathan P. Small, Chair
Senator George K. Muñoz, Vice Chair

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Priorities and Goals

- ▶ Maintain low vacancy levels through means of adequate compensation and growth opportunities
- ▶ Continue to modernize the Agency and increase capacity by optimizing internal operations, processes and time management
- ▶ Provide leadership in regulation through implementing legislation and state policies, working with the industry and the public to be a resource for the State
- ▶ Leverage Leadership Opportunities for New Mexico
 - ▶ Chair Aguilera elected chair of Western Energy Markets Body of State Regulators and serves as Co-Chair of the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation and Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation Transmission Collaborative.
 - ▶ Commissioner O'Connell serves as the president of Southwest Power Pool's influential Regional State Committee as well as president of the Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners. He also sits on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment.
 - ▶ Commissioner Nibert is a member of the NARUC Gas Committee, as well as a board member of the Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico, and a board member of the Roswell Kawanis.
- ▶ Self Funded Agency
 - ▶ Obtained through mill assessment fees already collected by the PRC, from the utility companies
 - ▶ This will ensure the Commission has sustainable and predictable funding for the future



Progress

- ▶ IT Modernization

- ▶ The PRC has been working hard with our contractors on the Electronic Filing and Case Docket Management System with a plan to fully deploy the new system by January 2026.

- ▶ FY26 Travel and Professional Development

- ▶ Continue Specialized memberships and training for staff
 - ▶ Peer to peer training required after paid training



Progress Cont.

- ▶ Proactive Regulation – New and Upcoming PRC Rules and Workshops
 - ▶ Rules:
 - ▶ Energy Efficiency
 - ▶ Grid Modernizations
 - ▶ Community Solar
 - ▶ Workshops:
 - ▶ Economic Development
 - ▶ Wildfires



FY27 Budget Goals

- ▶ Maintain low vacancy levels through means of adequate compensation and growth opportunities
- ▶ Continue to modernize the Agency and increase capacity
 - ▶ Continue to invest in technology
 - ▶ Improve information transparency
 - ▶ In-house modeling and forecasting resources





FY27 Base Request

(Dollars in thousands)

Description	FY26 OpBud	FY27 Request	Difference FY26 OpBud/ FY27 Request	% Increase/ Decrease Over FY27 OpBud
REVENUE:				
General Fund	\$15,887.3	\$16,698.1	\$810.8	5.1%
Other Transfers	\$2,355.0	\$2,479.1	\$124.1	5.3%
Federal Revenue	\$1,584.8	\$1,708.3	\$123.5	7.8%
Total Revenue	\$19,827.1	\$20,885.5	\$1,058.4	5.3%
EXPENDITURES:				
200 Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$16,903.3	\$17,502.8	\$599.5	3.5%
300 Contractual Services	\$829.4	\$836.5	\$7.1	0.9%
400 Other Expenses	\$2,094.4	\$2,546.2	\$451.8	21.6%
Total Expenditures	\$19,827.1	\$20,885.5	\$1,058.4	5.3%
FTE	124.0	124.0		0.0%



FY 27 Budget Request by Category

▶ 200's Category –

- ▶ PRC is requesting an increase of \$599.5 or 11.6%
 - ▶ \$181,100 for salary increases related to appropriate placement, and employee retention.
 - ▶ \$418,400 related to increases related to healthcare premiums

▶ 300's Category –

- ▶ PRC is requesting an increase of \$7.1 thousand or 0.9%

▶ 400's Category –

- ▶ PRC is requesting an increase of \$451.8 thousand or 21.6%
 - ▶ \$400,000 for software licenses related to the new case management system
 - ▶ \$30,000 for increased travel related expenditures for Pipeline Safety Division, non general fund
 - ▶ \$21,000 for increased DoIT related fees



FY 27 GRO Funding

- ▶ Community Solar, \$732,000
 - ▶ To facilitate the transition of the Community Solar program from external contractor to PRC operations to build internal expertise and support sustainable program growth.
 - ▶ 5 new FTE
 - ▶ Oversee Consumer Protection
 - ▶ Coordinate between subscriber organizations and utilities
 - ▶ Troubleshoot issues
 - ▶ Additional Procurement, if necessary



FY 27 Capital Outlay

- ▶ PRC is requesting \$5,000,000, to plan, design, renovate, and partially furnish the Phillip Gonzales building for the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.
 - ▶ Security cameras and access control
 - ▶ Bathroom renovations to be ADA compliant
 - ▶ Drainage improvements
 - ▶ Roof repairs
 - ▶ Flooring and paint
 - ▶ 2 Conference Rooms
 - ▶ Hearing room with A/V, sound panels, lighting, dais



Questions