March 15, 2001

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 22

The Honorable Ben Lujan and Members of the House of Representatives Executive-Legislative Building Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Honorable Speaker and Members of the House:

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 792, as amended, enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill removes the 2003 repeal of the Public Utility Act, and creates a joint interim legislative committee to review the Public Utility Act and its affect on the Electric Utility Industry Restructuring Act of 1999. Such changes in the law are unnecessary: two legislative sessions remain for the state to determine whether extending the life of the Public Utility Act is necessary, and the Legislature already has the authority to create an interim committee—it need not enact law to do so.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Johnson Governor

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