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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE LAND OFFICE; REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE
AND PUBLIC MEETINGS PRIOR TO CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING
STATE TRUST LANDS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. STATE LAND OFFICE--PUBLIC NOTICE--PUBLIC
MEETINGS.--

A. Prior to taking final agency action, the
commissioner of public lands shall publish notice of and hold
a public meeting to receive public comment regarding the
following activities:

- (1) land sales;
- (2) land exchanges;
- (3) right-of-way permits for electrical
transmission lines in excess of two hundred thirty kilovolts
situated on state trust land; and
- (4) right-of-way permits for oil or gas
pipelines in excess of twenty-four inches in diameter and at
least ten contiguous miles in length situated on state trust
land.

B. A notice of a proposed land sale, land exchange
or right-of-way permit as set forth in Subsection A of this
section shall be published on the state land office website
and in a newspaper of general circulation published in

1 Santa Fe and in a newspaper of general circulation published
2 near the general geographic location of the proposed
3 activity.

4 C. The notice required in this section shall
5 contain:

6 (1) a description of the state trust land
7 offered for sale or exchange or on which the right of way is
8 to be located;

9 (2) a summary of the effect or potential
10 effect of the proposed transaction or right of way on
11 surrounding lands;

12 (3) the time, place and location for the
13 public meeting on the sale, exchange or right-of-way permit;
14 and

15 (4) the name of a person to contact at the
16 state land office for additional information on the sale,
17 exchange or right-of-way permit and the subject state trust
18 land.

19 D. The public meeting required pursuant to
20 Subsection A of this section shall be held in the same
21 general geographic location as the proposed activity.

22 E. The requirement for a hearing is waived if
23 public input has been solicited pursuant to another state
24 process or federal law. The commissioner of public lands
25 shall by rule establish the procedures for a hearing held

1 pursuant to this section.

2 F. No provisions of this section shall alter,
3 change, restrict or diminish the rights, powers and duties of
4 the commissioner of public lands in the administration,
5 management, care and control of state trust lands as provided
6 for by the Enabling Act for New Mexico and applicable state
7 statutes.

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