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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION ANNOUNCES A PRC WORKSHOP TO INQUIRE INTO THE ELECTRIC UTILITY INTERCONNECTION **POLICY** 

(SANTA FE, NM--MARCH 16) - The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) will hold an organizational Zoom meeting workshop on the PRC's inquiry into electric utility interconnection policy on March 25, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. MDT. The PRC is establishing a technical stakeholder advisory group process to assist with the revision and updating of the Interconnection rules for distributed energy resources. It will assist in updating technical specifications and adopting current IEEE standards as the state of New Mexico looks toward the future.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss feedback from the Interconnection policy workshop held on February 18, 2021. Participants in the stakeholder process will discuss issues, sort themselves into working groups and create a timeframe for rulemaking. "There is tremendous interest in these rule changes, as they underpin reliable grid integration of rooftop solar systems," says Commissioner Cynthia Hall, who initiated the PRC Inquiry proceeding.

If you or your organization would like to participate in the technical stakeholder group, please contact Arthur O'Donnell at art.odonnell@state.nm.us. If you have questions, please direct them to the PRC's Public Information Officer, Sarah Valencia, who can be reached at 505-490-7910.

The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) regulates the <u>utilities</u>, <u>telecommunications</u>, and <u>motor carrier</u> industries to ensure fair and reasonable rates, and to assure reasonable and adequate services to the public as provided by law.

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