

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL OPEN MEETING  
ON WILDFIRE MITIGATION AND UTILITY PREPAREDNESS  
INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP #3**

**Wednesday September 3, 2025  
9:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M.  
HYBRID MEETING**

***CASE NO. 22-00154-UT- IN THE MATTER OF AN INQUIRY INTO PUBLIC UTILITIES'  
VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLANS AND PROCEDURES***

Notice: This is a hybrid meeting which will be held in person and via zoom. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person at the Bokum Building which is located at 142 W Palace Ave., Santa Fe, NM 87501. The public may also view the meeting remotely via a livestream on YouTube. Individuals wishing to provide public comment may do so via Zoom, or by phone; to sign up for public comment please contact Patrick Rodriguez at (505) 490-7910 or [public.comment@prc.nm.gov](mailto:public.comment@prc.nm.gov) as soon as possible [before the meeting](#). Go to <https://www.prc.nm.gov/nmprc-open-meeting-agenda/> several minutes before the start of the meeting for a link to the livestream.

**AGENDA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**II. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**III. INTRODUCTION**

**9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.:** Introduction and Opening remarks by Commissioners

**IV. UTILITY DISCUSSION ON GRID HARDENING AND OPERATIONAL RESILIENCE**

**9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.:** Presentations to discuss techniques, design choices, and the reasoning behind grid-hardening strategies.

- Joint Presentation by Public Service Company of New Mexico, Southwestern Public Service Company, and El Paso Electric Company

- Presenters

- El Paso Electric: Jesse Gonzalez, Regional Director – State Legislative Affairs; Victor Bishop, Supervisor, Distribution; and Armando Zavala, Transmission Engineer
  - Public Service Company of New Mexico: Thad Petzold, Associate Director, Wildfire Risk & Vegetation Management; Jeremy Tabet, Manager Engineering; and Jacob Guin, Engineering
  - Southwestern Public Service Company: Paul McGregor, Xcel Energy Vice President, Wildfire Risk Management; Travis Johnson, Xcel Energy Manager, Electrical Standards & Distribution Studies; Fletcher Johnson, Xcel Energy Director, Vegetation Management & Pole Integrity; and Kyle Ingham, SPS Specialist – Regulatory Policy.
- Presentation by the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association

**11:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.:** Stakeholder Q&A

## **V. TECHNOLOGY SPOTLIGHT**

**11:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.:** Public Safety Power Shutoff Tools and Wildfire Response Applications

- Presentation by Holly Eagleston, CEO and Founder of Firescape AI

## **VI. LUNCH BREAK (12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)**

## **VII. UTILITY COORDINATION WITH STATE, TRIBAL, AND FEDERAL LANDS**

**1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.:** Moderated panel discussion on right of way access on state, tribal, and federal lands; staffing capacity; and cost constraints that shape wildfire mitigation work.

- Panelists: Abigail Plecki, Community Wildfire Defense Grant Coordinator, New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department; Wes Gray, VP of Operations and Engineering, Public Service Company of New Mexico; and Jake Van Reen, Van Reen Accounting LLC
- Moderator: Mclee Kerolle, Technical Advisor to Commissioner O'Connell

(NOTE: In accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules, there will be no discussions of any pending cases.)

1:50 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.: Stakeholder Q&A

**VIII. BREAK 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

**IX. STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

**2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.:** Presentation on behalf of Utility Division Staff regarding state and federal funding.

- Presentation by Jake Van Reen and Ashley Pou, Van Reen Accounting LLC

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**XI. DISCUSSION OF NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING REMARKS BY COMMISSIONERS**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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**PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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telephone. Individuals wishing to comment must sign up to do by contacting Patrick Rodriguez at [public.comment@prc.nm.gov](mailto:public.comment@prc.nm.gov) or (505) 490-7910 as soon as possible before the start of the meeting. When sending an email to sign up for public comment please identify the name of the commentor(s), the name of the organization they represent (if any), and the topic or issue on which they desire to comment. The portion of the agenda allocated for public comment at any one open meeting shall be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes for all persons wishing to provide comment. The order of speakers will be based on the order in which speakers sign up, but public officials may be taken out of order. If a speaker is not present at the time he or she is called to provide comment, that speaker shall forfeit their opportunity to speak. Public comment by an individual or entity shall be limited to no more than three (3) minutes unless the Commission acts to extend the period. If the number of individuals on the sign-up sheet desiring to provide comment should exceed the allotted 30-minute period, the Chair may limit individual remarks to a shorter time period. Individuals represented by or representing a common organization or association may be asked to select one individual to act as spokesperson to speak for the group. Individuals who sign up to comment, but either fail to do so or choose to speak for less than their allotted time, may not cede or yield their time to another speaker. Written comments of individuals who cannot be physically present may not be read aloud at the meeting but may be submitted to the Commission.

The subject matter of public comments shall be relevant to matters within the Commission's jurisdiction. Public comment will not be permitted on pending rulemaking proceedings before the Commission once the opportunity for public comment in those proceedings has closed. Public comment by parties to a proceeding or adjudication pending before the Commission will not be permitted where the comment concerns matters at issue in such proceeding. The Chair shall retain the right to stop any speaker who raises an issue that is not under the Commission's jurisdiction or is subject to the restrictions above. Public comment will be received without Commission comment or response. However, individual Commissioners may, at their option seek clarification or additional information from speakers through the Chair. No speakers will be accommodated after the public comment portion of the agenda has closed. The Chair retains the right to exercise discretion in the implementation of this policy and may override the above rules in case of emergency or other unforeseen circumstances.

Speakers providing comment shall at all times conduct themselves in accordance with proper decorum. Profane or vulgar language or gestures will not be tolerated. Audience members shall not disrupt an open meeting by speaking without being recognized by the Commission and shall not incite others to do so. The Commission retains the right to remove disruptive attendees and individuals who fail to conduct themselves in accordance with these provisions from the Commission meeting.