

**BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC )  
SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO FOR )  
REVISION OF ITS RETAIL ELECTRIC RATES ) Docket No. 24-00089-UT  
PURSUANT TO ADVICE NOTICE NO. 625 )  
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**ORDER CANCELLING PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING**

**THIS MATTER** comes before the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (the “Commission”) on its own motion. The Commission issues this Order Cancelling Public Comment Hearing.

**JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter.<sup>1</sup>
2. On July 11, 2024, the Hearing Officer in this matter issued a procedural order setting a public comment hearing for November 7, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at the 811 Building in Albuquerque.<sup>2</sup>

**DISCUSSION**

3. The public comment hearing was properly noticed by all parties and scheduled to occur at the date, time, and place specified by the Hearing Examiner; however, a winter storm moved into Central and Northern New Mexico on November 6, resulting in multiple closures throughout the state, including State government offices and all public schools in Santa Fe and Albuquerque. In addition, PNM has reported upwards of 50,000 customers without power.

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<sup>1</sup> See NMSA 1978 §62-6-4 *et. al.*

<sup>2</sup> This order summarizes relevant procedural history. The full electronic record of this proceeding is available at <https://edocket.prc.nm.gov>.

4. Public comment in a rate case is vitally important to the process, and the Commission is firmly committed to ensuring that the public has as many opportunities as possible to participate in a matter that has significant impact on their rates.

5. Due to the unsafe travel conditions, closures, and power outages, the Commission is concerned that holding the public comment hearing scheduled for November 7, 2024, will undermine this commitment and result in less public participation, rather than more.

### **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

6. The Commission finds that the public interest is best served by rescheduling this public comment hearing.

#### **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

A. The public comment hearing previously scheduled for November 7, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. is hereby CANCELLED.

B. The Hearing Examiner is hereby requested to work with the Commission to determine a new date for a public comment hearing in Albuquerque, and if possible, a second public comment hearing date in Santa Fe.

C. This Order is issued by a single Commissioner as authorized by 1.2.2.30(B) NMAC of the Commission's rules of procedure.

D. This Order is effective when signed.

E. A copy of this Order shall be served upon all persons listed on the attached Certificate of Service via e-mail if their e-mail addresses are known; otherwise, via regular mail.

F. In computing time in accordance with Statute, Regulation, or Commission Order, the computation shall begin on the date that the Order is filed with the Chief Clerk or Chief Clerk designee.

**SIGNED under the Seal of the Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of  
November 2024.**

**NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION**

**/s/ James Ellison, electronically signed**

**JAMES F. ELLISON, JR., COMMISSIONER**

