

August 22, 2026

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Nominating Committee

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Dear Chair Seguin and Members of the Nominating Committee:

I am writing to submit my application for appointment to the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission. My family and I have called Santa Fe home for the past four years, and I am seeking this opportunity because I want to make a meaningful contribution to the state and community we now call home. Over an 18-year professional career, including approximately 16 years working across energy and utilities, I have built my career at the intersection of infrastructure, engineering, regulation, land use, technology, and data-driven decision-making. I believe that experience, combined with six years of public service as a Planning & Zoning Commissioner, would bring a practical, analytical, and independent perspective to the Commission. I am currently registered as a Republican in the State of New Mexico.

Statutory Qualification Under No. 2

I meet the requirements of Qualification No. 2(a) through my education and more than a decade of professional experience in the energy and utility sectors. I hold a bachelor's degree in Urban Planning and a master's degree in Geographic Information Systems, both from Arizona State University. Across my 18-year career, approximately 16 years have involved energy and utilities, with a scope of work spanning engineering and infrastructure, business administration, regulatory compliance, pipeline development, land and right-of-way, capital planning, technology, and operational decision support.

From 2016 through 2021, I served as Survey & GIS Manager for Meritage Midstream. In that role, I worked closely with executive leadership, including the Vice President of Land and Associate General Counsel, on matters involving land and surface-use agreements, site selection, land acquisition, pipeline right-of-way, and regulatory requirements. My responsibilities supported the acquisition and development of more than 800 miles of pipeline right-of-way across Wyoming and Canada and required close collaboration among legal, land, engineering, operations, and executive stakeholders. This experience taught me how legal and regulatory requirements ultimately translate into decisions affecting physical energy infrastructure, landowners, operators, capital investment, and communities.

My subsequent work in engineering consulting expanded that experience into regulated natural-gas and electric utilities. At CAMPOS EPC, for example, I supported a national midstream operator's MAOP Reconfirmation program through technology and data workflows designed to support traceable, verifiable, and complete records and alignment with PHMSA regulatory requirements. For the past three years, I have served as GIS Director for Orbital Engineering, where I lead a geospatial and data analytics business unit serving utility, energy, and industrial clients and work with executives, engineers, project managers, and operational teams to improve infrastructure decision-making.

Utility Regulation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety

My utility consulting experience has provided direct exposure to the technical and capital-planning work underlying utility regulatory proceedings. For NIPSCO, my team used analytical tools within the utility's GIS environment to assess aging plastic natural-gas infrastructure and performed additional analysis to help identify and prioritize pipeline segments for replacement. We then supported preliminary 30-percent engineering design used to develop Class 4 and Class 5 cost estimates that NIPSCO took forward in support of its rate case before the Indiana Regulatory Commission.

That experience gave me an appreciation for the relationship among infrastructure condition, engineering judgment, capital investment, system reliability, and ultimately the costs borne by utility customers. Throughout my consulting career, I have worked with gas and electric utilities on operational and infrastructure challenges where decisions must be supported by reliable information and defensible analysis. My background in pipeline infrastructure and PHMSA-related programs has also provided substantial exposure to the importance of pipeline safety, asset records, regulatory compliance, and the consequences that incomplete or unreliable infrastructure information can have for both operators and the public.

My experience relating to telecommunications is more limited than my work in energy and utilities, but it includes broadband and fiber infrastructure. In engineering consulting, I helped develop RFP strategies related to BEAD-funded broadband opportunities in Louisiana, including evaluation of fiber infrastructure needs and project requirements. This provided additional exposure to the intersection of telecommunications infrastructure, public investment, engineering delivery, and government program requirements.

Public Service and Regulatory Decision-Making

From 2015 through 2021, while maintaining my full-time professional career in energy, I also volunteered as a Planning & Zoning Board Member for the City of Edgewater, Colorado. Of the work I have done throughout my career, that public service remains among the most meaningful to me.

As a Board Member, I reviewed land-use applications and existing zoning requirements, researched issues presented by matters before the Commission, and participated in recommendations concerning zoning and regulatory changes when individual applications exposed gaps or changing conditions that were not adequately addressed by existing regulations. Those recommendations also required consideration of the City's adopted plans and its long-term vision for the community.

That experience reinforced an approach to decision-making that I have carried throughout my professional career: begin with the governing law and regulatory framework, establish the facts, evaluate reliable evidence, understand the practical consequences of the available alternatives, and make a decision that can be explained and defended. It also taught me that effective regulation requires listening to different perspectives while maintaining an obligation to the law and the broader public interest.

I see a strong connection between that public-service experience and my professional career. I have spent years seeing regulation from the perspective of energy operators, engineering consultants, utilities, attorneys, land professionals, technical specialists, and the infrastructure itself. I now want to bring those experiences together in service to New Mexico.

Independence, Commitment, and Service to New Mexico

For the past three years, I have been employed by an engineering consulting firm serving utility and energy clients; I have not been directly employed by a public utility during this period, and I do not have a direct ownership or financial interest in a public utility.

I also own a small geothermal origination consulting company through which I have assisted a client with geothermal lease development and efforts to attract potential developers. I want to disclose that activity clearly as part of my application. I understand the requirement that a Commissioner devote his or her entire time to Commission business and remain independent of the industries regulated by the Commission. If nominated and ultimately appointed, I would dissolve this business, cease my participation in geothermal development activities, and take the steps necessary to devote my full professional attention to the responsibilities of the Commission.

I am seeking this appointment because I want to make an impact through public service. My years as an energy operator and engineering consultant have given me a practical understanding of the infrastructure, investment, safety, and operational issues facing energy and utility organizations. My years in municipal public service showed me how professional experience can be applied in a different way—through thoughtful, evidence-based decisions that directly affect a community. As a resident of Santa Fe and New Mexico, I would welcome the opportunity to bring those experiences together in support of the Commission's responsibility to ensure safe and reliable utility service, fair and reasonable rates, and regulatory decisions consistent with New Mexico law and the economic, environmental, and social policies of our state. I would approach that responsibility without a predetermined outcome, but with a commitment to carefully evaluating the law, the evidentiary record, expert testimony, technical and economic realities, and the public interest before reaching a decision.

Thank you for considering my application.

Respectfully,
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Santa Fe, New Mexico

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ENERGY & UTILITY LEADER | INFRASTRUCTURE, TECHNOLOGY & REGULATORY STRATEGY

Energy and utility leader with 18+ years of experience, including 16 years across oil and gas, electric and natural gas utilities, pipeline infrastructure, and advanced energy. Combines executive leadership in engineering consulting and energy operations with six years of public service as a Zoning Board Member for the City of Edgewater, Colorado, with experience in planning, zoning, regulatory interpretation, and policy recommendations.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Regulatory Interpretation & Evidence-Based Decision-Making
- Community Stakeholder Engagement
- Operational Reality & Regulatory Alignment
- Legacy Infrastructure Assessment & Capital Planning
- Cross-Functional Leadership PHMSA Pipeline Safety & Regulatory Compliance

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Orbital Engineering

GIS Director

July 2023 – Present

Recruited to scale a data and geospatial solutions practice across utilities and heavy industry, leading revenue growth, client engagement, and financial performance. Partner with executives to translate business needs into scalable data solutions that improve asset performance and operational decision-making.

- Architected and led cross-functional delivery of an integrated technology stack for NIPSCO's Double Wood and Joint Use program, connecting Esri Field Maps/SDE, ArcGIS APIs, SQL, FME ETL automation, next-day operational reporting, National Joint Utilities Notification System (NJUNS) ticket management, GIS dashboards, and Power BI KPI reporting; the resulting operating platform enabled program execution supporting a \$9M annual purchase order.
- Led budget forecasting, resource planning, and 3-, 5-, and 10-year growth modeling while maintaining 87% utilization across client delivery and internal innovation.
- Led technical and commercial evaluation of Benaco, a 3D digital twin platform, assessing enterprise fit and negotiating a white-label partnership to accelerate delivery of client-facing engineering and inspection solutions.
- Led GIS and data analysis supporting NIPSCO's aging plastic pipeline replacement program, identifying and prioritizing legacy natural-gas infrastructure for replacement and supporting 30% engineering design and Class 4/5 cost estimates used by NIPSCO in its rate case before the Indiana Regulatory Commission.
- Developed RFP strategies for BEAD-funded broadband opportunities in Louisiana, evaluating fiber infrastructure needs, project requirements, and engineering delivery considerations supporting publicly funded telecommunications infrastructure.

CAMPOS EPC

GIS Department Manager

August 2021 – July 2023

- Managed a 20-person GIS organization and \$3.5M annual portfolio, leading RFP review, project staffing, rate and overhead analysis, and capacity planning against 25–30% target margins; rebalanced senior resources from a \$1.5M Atmos Energy program into higher-value assignments based on individual profitability and career progression while maintaining near-100% billable utilization.
- Selected and deployed an FME Developer for a national midstream operator's MAOP Reconfirmation (MAOP-R) program and negotiated the staff-augmentation engagement, supporting traceable, verifiable, and complete (TVC) records and alignment with PHMSA regulatory requirements.

- Frequently developed initial response strategies and technical narratives for major RFP pursuits, supporting business development efforts tied to utility, infrastructure, and energy transition opportunities, including international pursuits such as LUMA Energy (Puerto Rico).

Meritage Midstream

Survey & GIS Manager

July 2016 – August 2021

- Created and managed a “Build, Buy, Partner” technology intake and prioritization framework for an oil & gas midstream business, governing requests across Commercial, Engineering, Field Operations, EHS, IT, and Land from intake through scoping, prioritization, delegation, documentation, and post-delivery review.
- Collaborated with the CEO, COO, CCO, and Vice Presidents to align geospatial and technology strategy with business development, capital planning, operational execution, and confidential infrastructure transactions.
- Standardized enterprise survey and as-built data specifications and automated ingestion and QA/QC workflows, eliminating data bottlenecks and improving pipeline asset-data integration across U.S. and Canadian operations.
- Played a key role in the \$449M divestiture of Meritage Midstream ULC, leading spatial data readiness, asset mapping, and geospatial due diligence supporting the transaction.
- Worked closely with the VP of Land and Associate General Counsel on land and surface-use agreements, site selection, land acquisition, pipeline right-of-way, and regulatory requirements supporting major midstream infrastructure development.
- Managed GIS, survey, and land-support workflows associated with the routing, acquisition, and development of more than 800 miles of pipeline right-of-way across U.S. and Canadian operations.

RCL Consulting

Sr. GIS Analyst

September 2013 – July 2016

- Was foundational in helping onboard clients onto RCL’s proprietary EnergyGIS asset tracking platform, strategically expanding the firm’s core engineering design and GIS service offerings through integrated geospatial solutions.
- Delivered GIS support for a \$255M acquisition in Colorado’s Wattenberg Field, providing asset mapping and investment-focused analysis.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Holland Services | GIS Analyst I | July 2012 – September 2013
- A5 Geospatial Solutions | GIS Specialist / Consultant | May 2012 – August 2013
- Phoenix Revitalization Corporation | Program Coordinator & GIS Specialist | August 2008 – May 2012

ADDITIONAL ENERGY INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT

Geothermal Origination & Strategic Partnerships

- Led geothermal origination strategy resulting in the acquisition of 20,000+ acres of federal geothermal leases representing approximately \$1.5M in investment.
- Evaluated emerging technologies and strategic partnerships across geothermal development, AI-enabled subsurface analysis, transmission, and energy infrastructure to support investment, commercialization, and development decisions.

EDUCATION

- Master’s Degree – Geographic Information Systems, Arizona State University
- Bachelor’s Degree – Urban Planning, Arizona State University

COMMUNITY & VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

- Planning & Zoning Commissioner, City of Edgewater (2015–2021)
- Young Professionals Chair, Rocky Mountain Pipeliners Club (2015–2018)
- Technical Speaker, AISTech Conference (2025)