

September 10, 2026

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
Nominating Committee
P.O. Box 1269
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Dear Nominating Committee Members:

I am writing to apply for reappointment to a second term as Commissioner on the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission. It has been an honor to serve New Mexico in this role, and I would be privileged to continue serving the public interest at the Commission. My objective remains to provide fair, reasoned, and transparent regulation rooted in New Mexico's laws that balances the interests of consumers and utilities while advancing New Mexico's interests regionally.

Throughout my first term on the Commission and my prior federal regulatory experience, I have developed deep, hands-on expertise in the technical, economic, and legal matters relevant to regulated utilities. I built my foundation over 15 years at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, where I analyzed utility tariffs, generator interconnection procedures, transmission planning processes, and regional electric market rules. As Commissioner, I honed my role as a state regulator, adjudicating major rate cases, applying New Mexico statutes, implementing the broadband funding program, and presiding over matters involving regulated electric, gas, and water utilities, including applications that significantly affect resource procurement, reliability, and affordability.

Additionally, I have leveraged my specialized background in Western energy matters to represent New Mexico in regional transmission planning and resource adequacy forums, and in wholesale electricity markets. Through leadership on prominent regional and national committees, I advance and protect New Mexico's energy and consumer interests and strengthen New Mexico's voice in the rapidly evolving landscape of regional energy policy and market design. Among other leadership roles, I currently serve as:

- Regulatory Chair of the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation, guiding joint state efforts to facilitate dialogue on electricity policy, planning, and market design across the Western Interconnection, and advancing New Mexico's interests in those discussions.
- Chair of the Body of State Regulators, leading collaboration among state regulators to provide independent oversight and guidance on regional grid operations and market issues related to the Western Energy Imbalance Market, Extended Day-Ahead Market, and Regional Organization for Western Energy, while representing New Mexico's interests in regional market development.

- Co-Vice Chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest, regarding state commissions' roles in protecting consumer rights and managing utility affordability.

My background allows me to navigate complex, multidisciplinary dockets alongside our attorneys, economists, rate analysts, and engineers. During my time on the Commission, I have worked closely with PRC leadership to prioritize building a healthy, mission-driven workplace that attracts and retains expert regulatory staff. I am proud that this collective effort led to the Commission being recognized in the 2026 Top Workplaces by the Albuquerque Journal. My time on the Commission has reinforced that engaging diverse stakeholders and hearing opposing viewpoints are essential to developing reasonable and durable regulatory policy. My experience as an energy analyst, policy advisor, and Commissioner has solidified that the regulator's role is to provide as much certainty and transparency as possible, adapt to evolving energy demands, and remain anchored to our primary duty: delivering safe and reliable service at fair, just, and reasonable rates for New Mexico families and businesses.

In strict adherence to the Commission's governing requirements, I provide the following affirmations:

- I affirm that I satisfy the statutory qualifications outlined in 62-19-5 NMSA through my accredited baccalaureate and post-graduate degrees, and nearly 20 years of direct experience in public utility regulation and the energy sector.
- I am independent of the industries the Commission regulates.
- I hold no financial interest in any public utility in New Mexico or elsewhere, and I have not been employed by any Commission-regulated entity during the two years prior to appointment.
- I will continue to devote my entire time to the business of the Commission, hold no other office for profit, and pursue no other business or vocation.
- My political party affiliation is Democrat.

I am excited to be considered for a second term as PRC Commissioner and look forward to speaking further about my candidacy and continued commitment to New Mexico.

Sincerely,



Dedicated public sector leader and New Mexico utility Commissioner with nearly two decades of state and federal energy experience focused on fair and reasonable regulation, rate affordability, and grid reliability. Proven track record of presiding over complex electric utility adjudications, including major rate cases and regulated utility applications affecting resource procurement, reliability, and affordability. Grounded in transparent, evidence-based decision-making that supports a fair and effective regulatory environment, with an established record of working with diverse stakeholders to build balanced, forward-looking, and durable energy policy. Effective steward of the Public Regulation Commission's constitutional mandate to balance consumer and investor interests, serve the public interest, and implement New Mexico's energy laws. Effective regional leader, advancing New Mexico's energy and consumer interests across the region, driving regional policy and wholesale market design to ensure New Mexico's priorities directly shape regional energy policy.

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION (PRC)

Commissioner, January 2023 – Present

Chairman, June 2025 – June 2026

- Preside over complex and consequential rate cases, resource procurement filings, and utility dockets affecting grid reliability and rate affordability across the electric, natural gas, and water sectors—balancing consumer and investor interests to implement New Mexico's energy laws.
- Ensure regulated utilities comply with relevant laws and provide safe, reliable service at fair, just, and reasonable rates.
- Facilitate stakeholder engagement across utilities, consumer groups, and advocacy organizations to implement statutory mandates and design durable energy policy through rulemakings and precedent-setting decisions.
- Ensure changes to New Mexico's energy policy are proactively evaluated and implemented to support the state's energy, safety, and economic needs and serve the public interest.
- Administer statutorily required programs, such as the New Mexico broadband funding program and community solar program as prescribed by statute.
- Preside over open meetings, hearings, and public comment sessions, and represent the Commission at local, regional, and national conferences and policy discussions.
- Ensure that New Mexico's energy, economic, and consumer priorities directly shape regional markets and energy policy discussions through the Commission's active and influential role in regional and national forums. Current regional and national leadership roles include: Regulatory Chair of the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation (CREPC); Chair of the Body of State Regulators; Co-Chair of the CREPC Transmission Collaborative; Co-Chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Transmission State Working Group; and Co-Vice Chair of the NARUC Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest. These committees and leadership roles are further described in Attachment A.
- Establish and maintain a positive and productive work environment at the PRC so the agency has experienced, mission-driven staff and the resources it needs to meet its statutory and constitutional responsibilities.

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC)

Technical Advisor on Detail to the Office of Commissioner Allison Clements, October – December 2022

- Advised Commissioner Clements on Western electric market tariff proceedings, market-based rate authority, market power analysis, and generator interconnection, directly shaping FERC policy on grid infrastructure and wholesale electricity markets.
- Coordinated communications and positions with FERC leadership, Commissioners' offices, and staff on assigned proceedings.
- Drafted orders and opinions on wholesale market design, generator interconnection, transmission planning, and compliance.

Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Energy Market Regulation - West, July 2021 – December 2022

- Advised FERC leadership on Western Interconnection energy policy, including grid infrastructure planning, electricity market design, and compliance with federal energy regulatory standards.
- Reviewed orders, deficiency letters, and other written products for issuance by FERC.
- Provided expertise on and drafted key FERC rulemakings and orders concerning: open access transmission tariffs and transmission service (Order No. 890); design and operation of Western electric wholesale markets, including energy, ancillary, and imbalance service; regional transmission planning and cost allocation processes (Order No. 1000) and merchant transmission developer policy; generator interconnection procedures and agreements (Order Nos. 845 and 2023); resource adequacy and regionalization efforts in the Western Interconnection; legal complaints and petitions for declaratory orders; and market-based rate authority for the sale of power, capacity, and ancillary services.

Supervisory Energy Industry Analyst, Office of Energy Market Regulation - West, July 2017 – July 2021

- Supervised energy industry analysts on electric cases—coaching them to identify FERC priorities, analyze filings, and prepare for meetings with FERC leadership.
- Reviewed draft orders, memos, and rulemakings to ensure written work products translate complex policy and technical questions into readable prose, provide well-reasoned recommendations, and adhere to FERC policy.
- Oversaw the filings from a portfolio of public utilities and federal power marketing authorities.

Economist and Energy Industry Analyst, Office of Energy Market Regulation - West, June 2007 – July 2017

- Researched and analyzed complex and often controversial issues related to electric utility market regulation, including major industry and regional market initiatives, tariff and rate change filings, issues of first impression, pleadings, complaints, and petitions for declaratory orders.
- Led teams of attorneys, accountants, engineers, and analysts to develop sound technical recommendations and draft orders on major electric utility proceedings.
- Defended recommendations in front of senior staff and Commissioners' advisors and presented significant orders at FERC open meetings.
- Served as team leader of the Training Council, tasked with improving the training opportunities offered to analysts.

Energy Industry Analyst on Detail to the Office of Energy Policy and Innovation, January – July 2016

- Tracked major industry developments, such as distributed energy resources and regional transmission planning, and evaluated their implications for FERC-regulated markets through research and industry outreach.
- Advised senior staff through presentations, reports, and memos on how FERC can facilitate the integration of researched trends in regulated markets.
- Evaluated FERC policies, such as those governing the treatment of generator tie lines, and identified ways to improve those policies through research and collaboration with industry participants.

Energy Industry Analyst on Detail to the Office of Enforcement, July – December 2016

- Developed SAS-based software tools to identify potential market manipulation in the California ISO and Western Energy Imbalance Market—flagging abnormal bidding behavior and market results for review.
- Conferred with FERC staff and the California ISO market monitor on results of queries and adapted screens based on tariff changes, market updates, and input from the market monitor.
- Reviewed market rules applicable to the California ISO and the Western Energy Imbalance Market, such as the flexible ramping product and the market power mitigation process.

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- Monitored the development of the Western Energy Imbalance Market and conferred with the California ISO and its market monitor to assess and interpret market data results.
- Presented cases of potential market manipulation to the Division of Analytics and Surveillance and determined whether to recommend cases for a formal investigation.

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration, University of Maryland Smith School of Business, 2014

Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics, New Mexico State University, 2007

Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance, New Mexico State University, 2007

POLITICAL AFFILIATION: Democratic Party

ATTACHMENT A

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Commissioner Aguilera is a recognized leader in Western energy policy, committed to positioning New Mexico at the forefront of evolving Western energy markets and ensuring regional market expansion maximizes grid reliability and efficiency for New Mexico's utilities and consumers. He leverages his technical expertise to advocate for New Mexico's interests in regional and national bodies with direct impact on energy policy and market design:

Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation (CREPC): Regulatory Chair, CREPC Co-Chair, helping guide joint state efforts to foster dialogue on electricity policy, planning, and market design across the Western Interconnection and strengthen regional coordination.

- **Body of State Regulators:** Chair, leading collaboration among state regulators to provide independent oversight and guidance on regional grid operation and market issues.
- **CREPC Transmission Collaborative:** Co-Chair and an active member of the CREPC 1920 Ad-Hoc Committee, working with Western commissioners to advocate for effective regional transmission planning.
- **Markets+ States' Committee (2023 – 2025):** Served as a key member, coordinating state regulatory perspectives on developing and designing a Western multi-state day-ahead market.

National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC): Represents New Mexico on key standing committees within NARUC, an organization with regulatory representation from across the country and influence on national energy policy.

- **NARUC Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest:** Co-Vice Chair, analyzing and addressing state commissions' roles in safeguarding consumer rights, ensuring public equity, and managing utility affordability in a shifting regulatory landscape.
- **NARUC Transmission State Working Group:** Co-Chair, advancing collaboration among state utility commissioners to strengthen state commissions' influence in transmission development and evaluation.
- **NARUC Committee on Electricity:** Member, contributing to national policy debates on evolving power markets, grid reliability, and transmission infrastructure.