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New Mexico PRC Nominating Committee
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Dear Members of the Nominating Committee:

I am seeking your nomination for the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission vacancy beginning January 1, 2027. I bring over fifteen years of energy industry experience, including technical and commercial work in power generation, and seven years of public service experience as an elected official responsible for evaluating how policy and regulatory decisions affect New Mexico communities and residents.

I earned my Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2001. For the first 10 years of my career, I worked in Operations Management in roles of increasing responsibility that provided experience in engineering and leadership. Since October of 2010, I have worked continuously in the energy sector, first with GE Power Services and then with its successor, GE Vernova. My roles have spanned contract management, customer service, productivity, risk management, and sales for power generation customers. This range of professional experience within the energy sector gives me a unique skill set and knowledge that will help me serve effectively as PRC Commissioner and it exceeds the ten-year requirement of NMSA § 62-19-5(2)(a). I am a registered Democrat.

In 2019, Governor Lujan Grisham appointed me as Doña Ana County Commissioner of District 5. I am now in the second year of my second elected 4-year term. As County Commissioner, I regularly review and vote on matters including franchise agreements, budget decisions, and policy decisions affecting utility, broadband, and emergency transit services. I led the County's successful pursuit of a USDA ReConnect Grant that expanded broadband access by 30 miles across underserved communities and colonias from Radium Springs to Salem. I also had the opportunity to vote on \$165 million in Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRBs) for the Project Jupiter Data Center, the largest IRB issuance in the state's history, and helped shape safeguards in the agreement, including water infrastructure investment, limits on operational water use, no increase to residential electric rates, and compliance with the Energy Transition Act's 2045 carbon-free deadline. This experience also allowed me the opportunity into how large load customers are regulated across the US.

My work on the Board of County Commissioners gives me direct, ground-level experience with how policy decisions, infrastructure investment, and access issues affect residents within my district, and has allowed me to build a record of community engagement through constituent meetings that inform my decisions and policy actions.

Concurrently, in my role at GE Vernova, I have gained a working understanding of the regulatory landscape that governs power generation, transmission, and distribution, including grid balancing authority requirements and clean energy policy compliance across New Mexico, Arizona, and California. Earlier in my career, I managed long-term service agreements and turbine inspections for power generation facilities, which gave me firsthand knowledge of the technical demands of power generation operations. These experiences have shown me the technical and human sides of utility regulation—how PRC decisions affect the reliability, growth, and pricing of essential services that impact my constituents.

I understand that a PRC Commissioner must be independent of the industries the Commission regulates and must devote full time to the Commission's business. GE Vernova—Gas Power Services is a provider of parts, repair, and technical services to power generation operators. It is not itself a rate-regulated public utility in New Mexico, and I hold no financial interest in any public utility. While it has been an honor to serve District 5 for the past seven years and to build a 25-year career with GE and GE Vernova, I am prepared to resign immediately from both positions upon confirmation, removing any question of conflict.

I have enclosed my resume detailing this experience in full. My varied background across industry and public service would bring a unique, analytical perspective to the Commission's work on behalf of New Mexicans. I welcome the opportunity to discuss my qualifications and am available at your convenience. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Manuel A. Sanchez

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Career spanning twenty-five years of energy industry, operations management, and public service leadership, including over fifteen years of direct experience in power generation and seven years of elected regulatory and policy experience. Firsthand understanding of power generation operations and technical demands of the industry, developed knowledge of the regulatory landscape governing transmission and distribution, and firsthand experience as an elected official evaluating how legislative policy and Public Regulation Commission decisions affect New Mexico communities, including underserved and rural constituencies.

CORE QUALIFICATIONS

Regulatory & Public Policy: Utility & Telecommunications Regulatory Landscape • Public Advocacy • Legislative & Policy Analysis • Public Hearings & Constituent Engagement • Rate & Franchise Oversight • Broadband & Infrastructure Policy
Energy & Power Generation: Power Generation Operations • Transmission & Distribution • Grid Balancing & Clean Energy Policy • Contract & Vendor Management • Capacity Planning • Cost/Benefit Analysis
Leadership & Operations: Staff & Team Management • Six Sigma • Quality (ISO 9001 & AS9100) • Customer Relationship Management

PUBLIC SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Doña Ana County

County Commissioner | *Doña Ana County, Las Cruces, NM*

April 2019 – Present

- Regularly review and vote on legislative policy, rate, franchise, and infrastructure matters affecting utility, broadband, and transit services – direct, ongoing exposure to how PRC-regulated decisions affect constituents.
- Advocated for and secured funding for flood control planning improvements within the colonias of Doña Ana, Radium Springs, Hatch, and Salem.
- Drove successful pursuit of \$9.25 million of USDA ReConnect Grant funding to expand broadband access nearly 30 miles from Radium Springs to Salem, engaging directly with telecommunications infrastructure issues.
- Approved the largest Industrial Revenue Bonds in New Mexico history – \$165 million for the Project Jupiter data center – requiring 750+ full-time jobs, 3,000+ construction jobs, and over \$600 million in County revenue over 30 years, while securing ratepayer and environmental safeguards including operational water-use restrictions, no impact to residential electric rates, and compliance with the state’s 2045 carbon-free energy mandate.
- Worked with fellow Commissioners to grow full-time firefighter staffing from 2 stations to 12 and transition ambulance/EMS response to County-staffed service; secured funding for new bus service in northern Doña Ana County and fare-free transit for the South Central Regional Transit District.
- Implemented the County’s first short-term (5 year) Strategic Plan, establishing a foundation for multi-year policy and planning efforts and creating operational metrics for every department within Doña Ana County.
- Elected Chairman of the County Commission (2021, 2022, 2026) and Vice-Chairman (2020), presiding over public hearings and building consensus among diverse stakeholders.

ENERGY INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

GE Vernova – Gas Power Services (Power Generation Business)

Senior Sales Account Manager | *Las Cruces, NM*

November 2022 – Present

- Manage the Desert Southwest portfolio (NM, AZ, CA) of power generation customers, building working knowledge of the regulatory landscape governing generation, transmission, and distribution, including grid balancing authority requirements and clean energy policy compliance.
- Advise customers on matching parts, repair, and service solutions to operational and regulatory requirements, building a commercial and policy-oriented perspective that complements prior hands-on technical experience in the power generation business.
- Contributed over \$150MM in sales over 3 years toward business goals

Productivity & Risk Manager | *Las Cruces, NM*

October 2018 – November 2022

- Ensured accurate cost actualization for 30 Contractual Service Agreements within the power generation business in preparation for margin reviews.
- Identified and delivered cost reductions through productivity and fleet optimization initiatives across the Americas power generation fleet.

- Accurately captured planned outage costs in accordance with company policy, contributing to annual catalog values.
- Tracked performance metrics for the Americas Product Repair & Maintenance team, including review of cost outliers and variances between financial systems.

Customer Service Leader | *Las Cruces, NM*

December 2016 – October 2018

- Managed customer and contract relationships for 6 power generation sites across 4 customers in Arizona and New Mexico, representing total lifetime contract value over \$600MM.
- Planned and executed 5 turbine inspections within scheduled timelines.
- Actively managed contractual costs through quarterly and annual cost reviews.
- Maintained and improved customer relationships by delivering on commitments and identifying additional mutually beneficial opportunities.

Contract Performance Manager | *Deming, NM*

October 2010 – December 2016

- Managed a Long-Term Service Agreement for a power generation facility with 3 owners, valued at \$99MM, building deep technical familiarity with gas and steam turbine power generation operations.
- Planned and executed major turbine inspections, including 2 Gas Turbine Hot Gas Path inspections, 2 Gas Turbine Major Inspections, and 2 Steam Turbine Minor Inspections.
- Actively managed contract financials through quarterly cost actualization and annual margin reviews.
- Built, improved, and maintained customer relationships and satisfaction.

OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

Early-career operations, quality, and process leadership within aviation and turbine manufacturing, prior to transitioning into the direct customer facing energy sector in 2010.

GE Aero Energy Services

Quality Leader | *Houston, TX*

July 2007 – October 2010

- Ensured compliance with GE Energy & Aero quality procedures and work instructions, maintaining external certification to ISO 9001:2008 and AS9100 standards.
- Drove product and process quality for a turbine overhaul facility of over 90 employees, addressing customer issues and satisfaction directly.
- Partnered with the Global Quality Leader to identify & implement best practices across facilities in the Netherlands and Brazil.

GE Aviation

Cell Leader | *Albuquerque, NM*

July 2005 – July 2007

- Led a group of 20 machinists and 14 cell operators in machining and assembly of CF6 and CF34 fan cases, meeting output demands, managing labor assignments, and material cost targets while maintaining EHS and quality standards.

Repair Process Engineer | *McAllen, TX*

January 2004 – July 2005

- Reviewed and revised shop processes for turbine blade and compressor liner product lines, identifying quality and turnaround-time improvements.

Early Career Development | *Evendale, OH & Multiple Sites*

June 2001 – January 2004

- Completed GE's Operations Management Leadership Program (four rotations: Supervisor & Technical Coordinator, Materials Planner, Lean Leader, and Process Engineer) and managed data accuracy within the Order-Ship-Bill financial system through a Six Sigma data-quality initiative.

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering — 2001