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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Application and resume" for vacant PRC Commission position
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Dear Ms. Valencia:

In providing the information needed to apply for a position on the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, I attach a resume' summing up some of the activities of my career.

My experience as outlined in the resume' includes the training of electric and natural gas utility, the writing of rate studies for gas and electric utilities, the consulting nature of my occupation in completing wholesale electric power contracts between wholesale power providers and retail electric utilities, the experience in being the lead person in dispatching power crews to disaster areas to restore power to customers and being the lead person to insure that those utilities providing assistance did so in meeting requirements of a then important Federal Emergency Management Agency (making note that the head of FEMA once sat on my board). I was the lead in coordinating various utility customers in actions before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission when wholesale power providers sought increases in rates for generation and transmission facilities. I was the lead for the State of Oklahoma in negotiations with the first data center construction in Oklahoma and the region. I sat on the board of a utility larger than PNM that also provided water supply for 600,000 people. The utility I had a major position in creating recently finished the largest solar array in the region. I interacted with the designated Region Transmission Organization (RTO) which is the Southwest Power Pool on behalf of members. This followed my younger life where my family members were electric contractors and I was a union worker in a coal fired power plant as well as commenter on the first low-sulfur Wyoming coal fired power plant in the Southwest that had to comply with the environmental impact statement provisions of the Environmental Protection Agency.

In natural gas I was the designated executive director for the Oklahoma Gas Association whose 50 municipal distribution operations and 25 natural gas transmission companies used the association for operations and safety programs and demonstrations of new materials and equipment. We coordinated with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission in an annual program very similar to the annual program the New Mexico PRC Pipeline Safety Office operates each year.

Before deregulation, I was a leader in the area of cable television regulation methods and

drafted pole attachment agreements which were copied by several other states as were our association's Mutual Aid Agreements specifying methods for assistance in declared emergencies.

By education, I have a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration from the College of Business Administration at the University of Arkansas which included courses in Public Utility Economics not seen in most curricula.

I also have a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas.

By political party affiliation, I am an Independent.

I will look forward to the response of the committee.

Sincerely,

Shane Woolbright

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My induction in the Hall of Fame for local government in Oklahoma came due primarily for the development of training programs for cities and towns leading to methodologies for personnel evaluations and position descriptions that provided the bases for pay and advancement.

RESUME'

J. Shane Woolbright

Santa Fe, NM

Education

College of Business Administration, University of Arkansas
Bachelor of Science in Public Administration 1974

College of Arts and Science, Hugh T. Henry School of Public Administration
Master of Public Administration 1978

Profession Background

Assistant City Manager, City of Jenks, OK, 1976-1979
Responsible for budget, parks, recreation, animal control, senior citizens, grant proposals.

Circuit City Manager 1979-1983
North Central Oklahoma Municipal Council, Enid, OK

Provided professional administration assistance to seven small towns. Successes included redrafting of city codebooks, passage of a dozen different tax increase elections, construction of two city halls, three sewer treatment plants, a gas distribution system, and electric distribution upgrades along with three water supplies upgrades.

Executive Director and General Manager
Municipal Electric Systems of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Gas Association, Oklahoma Municipal Utility Services Authority – 1983 to 2013

MESO is the trade association for 65 municipal electric systems. The OGA is a trade association for 50 municipal gas distributors and 25 private gas transmission operations. OMUSA was created as an intergovernmental cooperation act agency and acts as an entity of local government. I served as executive for all three with a subordinate acting in my place for OGA.

MESO developed the first Spanish language IBEW approved training program for electric line personnel as part of its program for training and certifying line workers. On-site safety programs designed for water, sewer, gas and electric personnel with 75 utilities participating. Developed on-site drug testing program for field workers so that they did not have to travel from distant locations for random testing. 5,000 people in that program. Carried legislation to create the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority which was passed by Oklahoma legislature to allow cities to develop their own power generation. I represented the agency in marketing the program. MESO borrowed the funds to do the reconnaissance engineering survey that found that local ownership was positive. Today, the agency

serves 44 cities in four states with wholesale power. Served as lobbyist for the authority. Served on the board of directors of the Grand River Dam Authority, an agency with over 2,000 mw of generation and operations on three lakes providing water supply for 7 counties as well as 100 industries.

As a spokesman for OMPA and GRDA I recruited many cities to participate in joint action power supply programs in Oklahoma including cities as large as Springfield, Missouri. I worked closely with the federal power agency in our region, the Southwestern Power Administration, including providing training and safety for staff in three regional locations and lobbying congress whenever Water Resource Development Act (WRDA) reauthorization occurred. Participated in creation of the regional RTO, the Southwest Power Pool. Created the OMUSA as a governmental body which would hire staff for the OGA and MESO which provided benefits to municipal participants including access to the municipal health insurance program and the municipal pension system as well as providing tax breaks that non-profit and charitable institutions do not have. In 30 years took the budget of MESO and its affiliates increased from \$65,000.00 to \$3.5 million annually. In order to improve operations for local governments, I performed some two dozen utility rate studies for cities and towns, assisted in natural gas purchase decisions, and in dozens of wholesale electric power purchase agreements.

Was designated point person in the negotiations for water and power services for the first large data center in Oklahoma.

Coordinated interventions by wholesale power customers including rural cooperatives, federal power agencies, and municipal power systems at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission generation and transmission additions.

In 30 years received numerous recognitions including service on the board of directors of the American Public Power Association, the nation's largest energy lobby serving 2,000 cities and power districts. In that capacity I represented APPA before various congressional committees. Served on the APPA PAC board for 28 years.

Inducted in the Oklahoma hall of fame for government officials for successes in development of programs benefitting municipal governments.

Local volunteer participation. Cub Scout Den Leader, Little League Baseball Coach, Oklahoma Audubon Society President, NM Sierra Club Vice-President, Sangre de Cristo Audubon Society Board President, HOA president in both OK and NM.