

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY)
OF NEW MEXICO'S APPLICATION FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)
NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT, OWN AND OPERATE)
THE RIO PUERCO TO PAJARITO TO PROSPERITY)
345 KV TRANSMISSION PROJECT)
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO,)
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Applicant.)
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Docket No. 26-00000__

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

ADAM K. MCCLELLAN

February 25, 2026

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ADAM K. MCCLELLAN

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE**

2 **Q. Please state your name, position, and business address.**

3 **A.** My name is Adam K. McClellan. I am the Senior Manager of Land Services for PNMR
4 Services Company. My business address is 2401 Aztec Road NE, Albuquerque, New
5 Mexico 87107. I am testifying on behalf of Public Service Company of New Mexico
6 (“PNM” or “Company”).

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8 **Q. Please summarize your educational background and professional qualifications.**

9 **A.** My educational background and professional experience are summarized in PNM Exhibit
10 AKM-1.

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12 **Q. Please describe your responsibilities as Senior Manager of Land Services.**

13 **A.** I am responsible for all real estate activities for PNM. I oversee the real estate team that
14 procures all lands (fee and easement) for PNM. In coordination with engineering,
15 environmental, regulatory, senior management, stakeholder engagement, Tribal
16 Government Relations & Customer Engagement, and Government Affairs team members,
17 my team and I work to procure the required land rights to support the electric infrastructure
18 for the Rio Puerco to Pajarito to Prosperity 345 kV Transmission line project (the
19 “Project”).

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21 **Q. Please state the purpose of your Direct Testimony.**

22 **A.** The purpose of my testimony is to discuss the 150-foot right of way (“ROW”) width and
23 request approval for the Proposed Route, necessary to construct the Project from a land

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1 perspective, present the required land permits, discuss the status of PNM’s negotiations to
2 obtain land, and stakeholder outreach.

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II. PROJECT LOCATION

5 **Q. Please present the location of the lines.**

6 **A.** Pajarito-Rio Puerco and Pajarito-Prosperity 345 kV Lines (see PNM Exhibit AKM-2 for
7 map).

8 The 345 kV transmission line segments of the Project include the following:

9 • Construction of a new, up to approximately 35-mile, 345 kV transmission line
10 between PNM’s Rio Puerco and Pajarito 345 kV stations.

11 • Construction of a new, approximately 0.47-mile, extension to connect an existing
12 approximately six-mile 345 kV line from Pajarito to the Prosperity station with
13 345/115 kV transformation. The existing section of line and structures cross the Rio
14 Grande and may require replacement of one or both static wires with Optical
15 Ground Wire (“OPGW”).

16 • Construction of a new, approximately 0.38-mile, 345 kV transmission line
17 extension to loop the existing Pajarito-Sandia 345 kV line into the Prosperity
18 station.

19 The exact route lengths will not be solidified until after Commission review and detailed
20 engineering design plans are completed.

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22 In addition to the transmission line components, the Project also includes the expansion
23 of two existing 345 kV stations and the construction of a new 345 kV substation.

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- 1 • Pajarito station will be expanded to the north to accommodate the Pajarito-Rio
- 2 Puerco connection and new renewable energy interconnections.
- 3 • Rio Puerco switching station will be expanded to the west within parcel owned by
- 4 PNM to accommodate the Pajarito-Rio Puerco connection.
- 5 • Prosperity station to be expanded within the existing site to install a new 345/115
- 6 kV transformer, two new 345 kV bays, and one 115 kV bay.
- 7

8 **Q. Please identify the type of ownership of the land that the transmission line will cross**
9 **and the number of feet the transmission line will cross over each owner's land.**

10 **A.** Rio Puerco – Pajarito 345 kV Identification of Land Ownership and corresponding length
11 for the proposed route is as follows:

Proposed Route

Ownership type	Approximate distance
Private	157,480 ft.
New Mexico State Land Office (NMSLO)	5,594 ft.
CABQ/Airport/Water Utility Authority	18,579 ft.
New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)	1,268 ft.

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13 The exact route lengths will not be solidified until after Commission approval and detailed
14 engineering design plans are completed. Any changes to the route will arise during the

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1 negotiation of acquiring land and easements. For PNM to acquire all required land and
2 easements prior to Commission approval would not represent good utility practice.

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4 **Q. Please state the total length of the line for the Proposed Route.**

5 **A.** The total approximate length of the proposed route is 182,921 feet (35 miles).

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7 **Q. Please state the approximate length of the line for the other transmission line**
8 **components.**

9 **A.** The total approximate length of each additional component is as follows:

Transmission Line	Approximate distance
Existing Pajarito -- Prosperity 345 kV Line	2,500 ft.
Sandia -- Pajarito 345 kV Line Loop into Prosperity (2 line segments 2000ft each make up the loop)	2,000 ft.

10 Both components will cross private lands.

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12 **Q. Does the Project require any local jurisdiction approvals?**

13 **A.** Yes, the Project will require the following local jurisdiction approvals:

- 14 • An amendment to the project list in the Bernalillo County 20-year Electric Facilities
15 Plan. This plan provides an addition of this project to the list of all electric projects
16 necessary to supply present and future electrical service to the Albuquerque metro area
17 within Bernalillo County. Bernalillo County approved the amendment on October 14,
18 2025.

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- 1 • An amendment to the existing Sandoval County site plan for the Rio Puerco Substation
2 to reflect its expansion to accommodate additional equipment. This process is ongoing.
- 3 • An amendment to the existing Bernalillo County site plans for the Pajarito Substation
4 and the Prosperity Substation to reflect expansions to accommodate additional
5 equipment. This process is ongoing.

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III. PNM PUBLIC OUTREACH PROCESS

8 **Q. Has PNM engaged in public outreach efforts with local communities and constituents**
9 **(OLE¹ Issue 1)?**

10 **A.** Yes. From the inception of Project planning, PNM has worked closely with interested
11 communities and constituents regarding the Project. At the beginning of Project planning,
12 PNM identified the critical audience listed below. Building support among these
13 stakeholder groups is intended to foster coordination and an understanding of the need for
14 the Project from individuals and organizations that may oppose a new transmission line. A
15 summary of the efforts to collaborate with stakeholders is presented below and in PNM
16 Exhibit AKM-3.

17 A. Tribal Nations (Sovereign Native American Nations) with historical and cultural
18 ties to the area. For further details regarding Tribal outreach, please refer to the
19 Direct Testimony of PNM witness Cathy Newby and PNM Exhibit CFN-2.

20 B. Residents, neighbors, homeowners' associations and those impacted by zone use.

¹ All references to "OLE" throughout this testimony relate to requirements from Case No. 2382 (Ojo Line Extension), Final Order, p. 104 (November 20, 1995).

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1 PNM conducted outreach to ensure communities could stay informed and provide input on
2 the proposed transmission line project. Postcards, including Spanish translations for limited
3 English proficiency (“LEP”) populations, were mailed to 718 parcel owners along the
4 proposed routes, notifying them of planned surveying activities, the July 17, 2025, public
5 open house at the ADA-accessible Albuquerque Public Library, and ways to provide
6 feedback via phone hotline, email, website, and QR codes. PNM also presented project
7 information at the July 2, 2025, West Side Coalition of Neighborhoods Association
8 (“WSCONA”) meeting, inviting attendees to the open house and providing a station with
9 information on all feedback methods. During the July 2, 2025, WSCONA meeting,
10 members and neighborhood representatives raised concerns about electric and magnetic
11 field (“EMF”) safety, project scope and routing, environmental and cultural resources, and
12 maintenance and risk. Please refer to PNM Exhibit AKM-3 for discussion on how PNM
13 will address these concerns. Below is the list of community meetings that were held:

- 14 • Presentation to West Side Coalition of Neighborhoods on July 2, 2025.
- 15 • Public Open House on July 17, 2025.
- 16 • Virtual Open House/Meeting with South Valley Neighborhoods Alliance on
17 October 8, 2025.
- 18 • Presentation to the Southwest Alliance of Neighborhoods (“SWAN”) has
19 been requested and is pending.
- 20 • Presentations to and interaction with identified Environmental Justice (EJ)
21 Neighborhoods are ongoing.

22 C. Local businesses and institutions such as hospitals, churches and schools.

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- 1 • Meeting with City of Albuquerque Aviation Director on August 26, 2025,
2 related to easement requests on Double Eagle II Airport property.

3 D. Elected officials representing project benefit areas.

- 4 • PNM’s Government Affairs team has had conversations with the City of Rio
5 Rancho, Sandoval County, and the City of Albuquerque.

6 E. Municipal, County, State and Federal jurisdictions.

- 7 • Meeting with City of Albuquerque Parks & Recreation Director and Open
8 Space Superintendent on March 13, 2025. Follow up meeting with Open
9 Space Superintendent and her staff on October 22, 2025.

- 10 • Process information for Rio Puerco Substation site plan amendment
11 requested July 14, 2025, awaiting a response from Sandoval County.

- 12 • Process determination received from City of Rio Rancho on August 14,
13 2025; no additional review or permits required for transmission corridor
14 other than obtaining easements and/or property for the Project.

- 15 • Process information for Pajarito and Prosperity Substation site plan
16 amendments requested and received from Bernalillo County August 28,
17 2025.

- 18 • Meeting with Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority
19 (“ABCWUA”) on September 8, 2025.

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21 **Q. What was PNM’s process for identifying stakeholders?**

22 **A. Based on prior project experience, current best practices for public outreach, and reviews**
23 **of jurisdictional maps and maps of communities within one mile of the Project, PNM**

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1 created an outreach plan to identify and involve stakeholders that include Tribes that have
2 cultural and historical ties to the Project area, nearby residents, and neighborhoods within
3 one mile of the Project. As we meet with individuals and groups, PNM asks them for their
4 input into who else should be involved to receive information from PNM and to provide
5 additional input and perspectives to inform the planning and design of the Project.

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7 **Q. What was the outcome of the stakeholder engagement process?**

8 **A.** In general, most stakeholders understand the need for the Project. As PNM witness Newby
9 explains, Tribal representatives have been consistent in their requests for PNM to share
10 information about cultural resource surveys and their resulting outcomes with engaged
11 Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, which PNM is doing. There have been concerns
12 expressed related to view preservation, especially views from the Petroglyph National
13 Monument to the west towards Mt. Taylor (Turquoise Mountain) and electric & magnetic
14 fields (“EMFs”). To address the visual preservation concerns, PNM is performing a visual
15 impact study to understand any potential impacts. Upon completion, PNM will follow up
16 with the communities to update them on results of the studies, and any design changes
17 performed to avoid or minimize potential impacts. As for the EMF concerns, PNM shared
18 with the communities that, based on the design and the ROW width, EMF levels would be
19 at background level or below.

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21 **Q. Has PNM continued to offer stakeholder engagement opportunities?**

22 **A.** Yes. PNM has and will continue to offer stakeholder engagement opportunities throughout
23 the planning, regulatory review, design, and construction processes. PNM has created a

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1 project webpage for the Project where interested parties can get updates on the Project,
2 ask questions, and provide comments (pnm.com/pajarito-riopuerco). PNM will respond
3 to any request for a meeting from an identified stakeholder or stakeholder group. PNM
4 will continue to hold additional meetings with stakeholders as they are identified or as
5 requested by identified stakeholders.

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7 **Q. How is PNM incorporating stakeholder input in the planning and design process?**

8 **A.** PNM created visual simulations from various points of view to address concerns expressed
9 about view preservation using both darker and lighter colored transmission structures. As
10 discussed in my testimony and in PNM witness Newby's testimony, PNM has solicited
11 feedback from Tribes and key stakeholders to identify design opportunities that would
12 potentially reduce impacts to resources. Cultural resource surveys and their results, plus
13 input from Tribes, will also be incorporated into PNM's design and construction activities
14 along the transmission line corridor. Additional information regarding visual simulations
15 and cultural resources is discussed in PNM witness Watson's Direct Testimony. In addition
16 to the key stakeholders, PNM also reached out to the Federal Aviation Administration,
17 Double Eagle II Airport and the U.S. Department of Defense to obtain input on potential
18 airspace restrictions. As a result of the preliminary review, PNM will be adding marker
19 balls and tower lighting.

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21 **Q. Will PNM receive input from the New Mexico State Land Office ("NMSLO")**
22 **regarding the route for the Project?**

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V. LAND PERMITS AND OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS

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2 **Q. Has PNM determined which land permits and other authorizations will need to be**
3 **obtained for the Project and the status of each?**

4 **A.** Yes. PNM has reviewed the proposed route and identified that NMSLO and DOT permits
5 for the areas where the project crosses their lands would be required. Additionally, the
6 proposed project route will require local jurisdiction approvals from Sandoval County,
7 Bernalillo County, and the City of Albuquerque. For the status of the NMSLO application,
8 see the NMSLO section above. For the NMDOT permit, the application will be submitted
9 within 6 months of the start of construction per the NMDOT process. For the local
10 jurisdiction approvals, see the question above regarding local jurisdiction approvals. While
11 the project does not involve federal lands, permits and authorizations are required by the
12 Federal Aviation Administration and Environmental Protection Agency.

VI. ROW NOTIFICATION

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15 **Q. What notice is PNM required to provide regarding the requested 150-foot ROW**
16 **width for the Project?**

17 **A.** NMSA 1978, Section 62-9-3.2(D) requires that PNM provides notice of the time and place
18 of hearing on the application for ROW width determination to be given to any owner of
19 property proposed to be taken and, if applicable, to the occupant of the property. PNM will
20 promptly mail the notice issued by the Commission to all affected property owners.

VII. CONCLUSION

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23 **Q. Please summarize your testimony.**

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1 **A.** PNM is requesting ROW width approval in accordance with Section 62-9-3.2 of the Public
2 Utility Act. As I have described in my Direct Testimony and exhibits, and as further
3 supported by the direct testimonies and exhibits of PNM witnesses Hakimian, Newby,
4 Munoz, Alvarez and Watson, PNM has provided the necessary information required by the
5 Public Utility Act. PNM has established that applicable safety standards, industry practices
6 and construction considerations require a ROW that is 150 feet wide.

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8 Furthermore, PNM has conducted extensive stakeholder outreach, as described above and
9 in the Direct Testimony of PNM witness Newby, which has thus far resulted in no
10 insurmountable issues. PNM has also taken into consideration public input in designing
11 the Project and engaged in extensive and continuing public outreach efforts. PNM
12 continues to engage stakeholders and remains committed to addressing any issues that
13 arise.

14
15 PNM has initiated the process of obtaining necessary permits and authorizations from
16 federal, state and local governments, as well as acquiring necessary easements and ROWs.
17 See PNM Exhibit LMW-2 for a list of the required permits and authorizations necessary
18 for the Project. These permit applications would require engineering exhibits for review
19 by the approving agencies. Creating these exhibits will require final engineering details
20 which are expected to be available in late 2026. These activities will be completed upon
21 receipt of the necessary approvals from the Commission and prior to construction and
22 operation of the Project, as applicable.

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1 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

2 A. Yes.

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Adam K. McClellan Resume

PNM Exhibit AKM-1

Is contained in the following 3 pages.

ADAM MCCLELLAN



Adam is a senior manager with over 31 years of extensive experience in electrical utilities. His last 20 years have been focused on the management and program/process development of complex multi-million-dollar, multi-state and leading multi-disciplinary teams for major engineering and construction projects at Southern California Edison, FirstEnergy Corp, Georgia Power Co, Puerto Rico Electric Power

Authority and Public Service New Mexico. Responsibilities included management of the following project aspects: Programmatic Stakeholder Engagement Initiatives, GO 131-D, California Public Utilities Commission, CEQA, NEPA, SHPO, ACOE, BLM, California Air Quality Districts, California, Regional Water Quality Districts, California State Water Board, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, National Forest, Ohio Power Siting Board, PA Public Utility Commission, State Transportation Departments (ODOT, PenDOT, CalTrans), FEMA support, siting and licensing, real estate, public involvement, vegetation management, GIS, project management, construction execution, development and implementation of regulatory strategies, program tools, policies and procedures, ad staff development and management.

EDUCATION

Bachelors, Psychology, 2003

1 YEAR WITH PNM

10 YEARS WITH BURNS & MCDONNELL

31 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

PNM Senior Manager Lands Support | PNM – Public Service Company of New Mexico Oct 2024 - Present

Senior Manager, Lands Support Group. Currently managing PNM's Lands Support Department, managing all land fee and easement acquisitions and non-environmental permits.

PNM Environmental Program Management (BMcD Consultant) | PNM – Public Service Company of New Mexico Jan 2022 – Oct 2024

Environmental Support Services Manager. Providing program management and process development support to their real estate, environmental, stakeholder engagement (communications), land-use and GIS teams. Guide program leadership throughout all program/project phases, ensuring initiatives are fully supported from the top down. Established the coordinated project process map, permit matrix database and other tools and reports to support achieving program goals. Stakeholder Engagement activities included managing a team to coordinate with landowners with respect to construction, of distribution and transmission lines, to support the New Service Delivery teams with addressing customer's concerns and needs.

Distribution Rehabilitation Program (BMcD Consultant) | PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY Oct 2020 - Apr 2021

Environmental Support Services Manager. The Burns & McDonnell team worked as an extension of the utility to build up the foundation of what would become the Distribution Rehabilitation Program. Initial efforts comprised using a combination of available PREPA data and GIS technology to identify mainline or backbone segments of 95 of the feeders most heavily damaged by Maria. In conjunction with this effort came documenting and cataloging critical load facilities across the island with the intent of hardening the feeds to these facilities with redundancies and new technologies. Shepherd a skilled team of 12 persons supporting PREPA's comprehensive multi-project Electric Infrastructure Revitalization Program, which reaches across areas such as environmental permitting and compliance, real estate, public involvement, and geographic information systems (GIS). Advise client staff on a wide range of initiatives in addition to developing program processes to manage the FEMA Environment & Historical Plan (EHP) component of the program.

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- ▶ Guide program leadership throughout all program/project phases, ensuring initiatives are fully supported from the top down.
- ▶ Successfully aided PREPA in finalizing the Fish and Wildlife Services Revised Endangered Species Act Technical Report.
- ▶ Established the coordinated EHP process map, permit matrix database and Power BI reports for the Grant Management and EHP program components to support achieving program goals.

Georgia Power Company - Grid Investment Program (BMcD Consultant) | GEORGIA POWER CO

Atlanta, Georgia | Jan 2020 - Sep 2020

Environmental Service Manager. Georgia Power's Grid Investment Plan is a multi-year initiative to enhance service and reliability in communities across Georgia. Georgia Power is committed to making smart investments for Georgias energy future to verify their customers are provided the clean, safe, reliable and affordable energy they expect and deserve. The company is investing \$1.3 billion over the next three years as the initial phase of their multi-year grid investment plan. The investment plan focuses on upgrading transmission and distribution infrastructure across the power grid to decrease the number and length of power outages experienced by customers. Instrumental in setting up the real estate and public engagement components for GPC's reliability enhancement program. Georgia Power's "Grid Investment Plan" covers distribution projects across the northeastern portion of Georgia and transmission infrastructure projects across the state of Georgia.

- ▶ Coordinated and advised client management on a wide range of initiatives in addition to engaging in direct oversight of all contracted real estate consultants involved in multiple program/project areas.
- ▶ Guide program leadership throughout all program/project phases, ensuring initiatives are fully supported from the top down.
- ▶ Established the business plans, processes, and cost control tools for a wide range of organizations to ensure unified approaches to achieving program goals.
- ▶ Managed staff for the environmental, real estate, public involvement, GIS and vegetation management groups
- ▶ Set up Public Engagement Inquiry Log Database
- ▶ Set up workflow processes for the program

Transmission Reliability Excellence Plan (TREP) (BMcD Consultant) | FirstEnergy Corp. Confidential Location | Nov 2013 - Jan 2020

Environmental Group Project Manager. Driving force behind a skilled team of 20-30 and 3rd-party consultants supporting FirstEnergy's comprehensive multi-state, multi-project Energizing the Future Transmission Expansion Program, which reaches across areas such as environmental permitting and compliance, real estate, public involvement, geographic information systems (GIS), and forestry/vegetation management. Duties and Activities Performed:

- ▶ Advise client staff on a wide range of initiatives in addition to developing program processes to manage the FEMA Environment & Historical Plan (EHP) and Hazard Mitigation component of the program (PREPA Specific).
- ▶ Successfully aided Client in the development and management of various permits and licenses
- ▶ Established the coordinated EHP process map, permit matrix database and Power BI reports for the Grant Management and EHP program components to support achieving program goals.
- ▶ Guide program leadership throughout all program/project phases, ensuring initiatives are fully supported from the top down.
- ▶ Established the business plans, processes, and cost control tools for a wide range of organizations to ensure unified approaches to achieving program goals.
- ▶ Coordinated and advised client management on a wide range of initiatives in addition to engaging in direct oversight of all contracted services involved in multiple program/project areas.
- ▶ Managed staff for the environmental, real estate, public involvement, GIS and vegetation management

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, Southern California 2009 – 2013

Environmental Group Senior Project Manager

Spearheaded the Environmental Group's contributions to two of the company's largest renewable transmission projects, the ***Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP)*** and ***Eldorado Ivanpah Transmission Project (EITP)***. TRTP involved gaining approval for and building a 150 mile, 500kV transmission line that crossed federal, state, and private lands. EITP was a multijurisdictional, multi-state project that crossed 36 miles of Bureau of Land Management property.

- Continually liaised with senior management while directing the Environmental Support Service team and 150+ consultants over the course of both projects.
- Forged strategic partnerships with multiple state and federal agencies to successfully negotiate all necessary permits and project parameters.
- Optimized allocation of a \$280M budget, holding expenditures to within 5% of approved budgetary parameters.
- Architected and spearheaded the development of a highly effective field compliance management database tool.
- Set up the processes and cost control tools utilized across the organization.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, Southern California 2006 – 2008

Environmental Power Delivery Projects Manager

Rose through the ranks with Southern California Edison, culminating in assuming leadership of the Environment, Health, and Safety (EH&S) Power Delivery Projects Coordinator group with oversight of a \$5M to \$10M annual consultant budget.

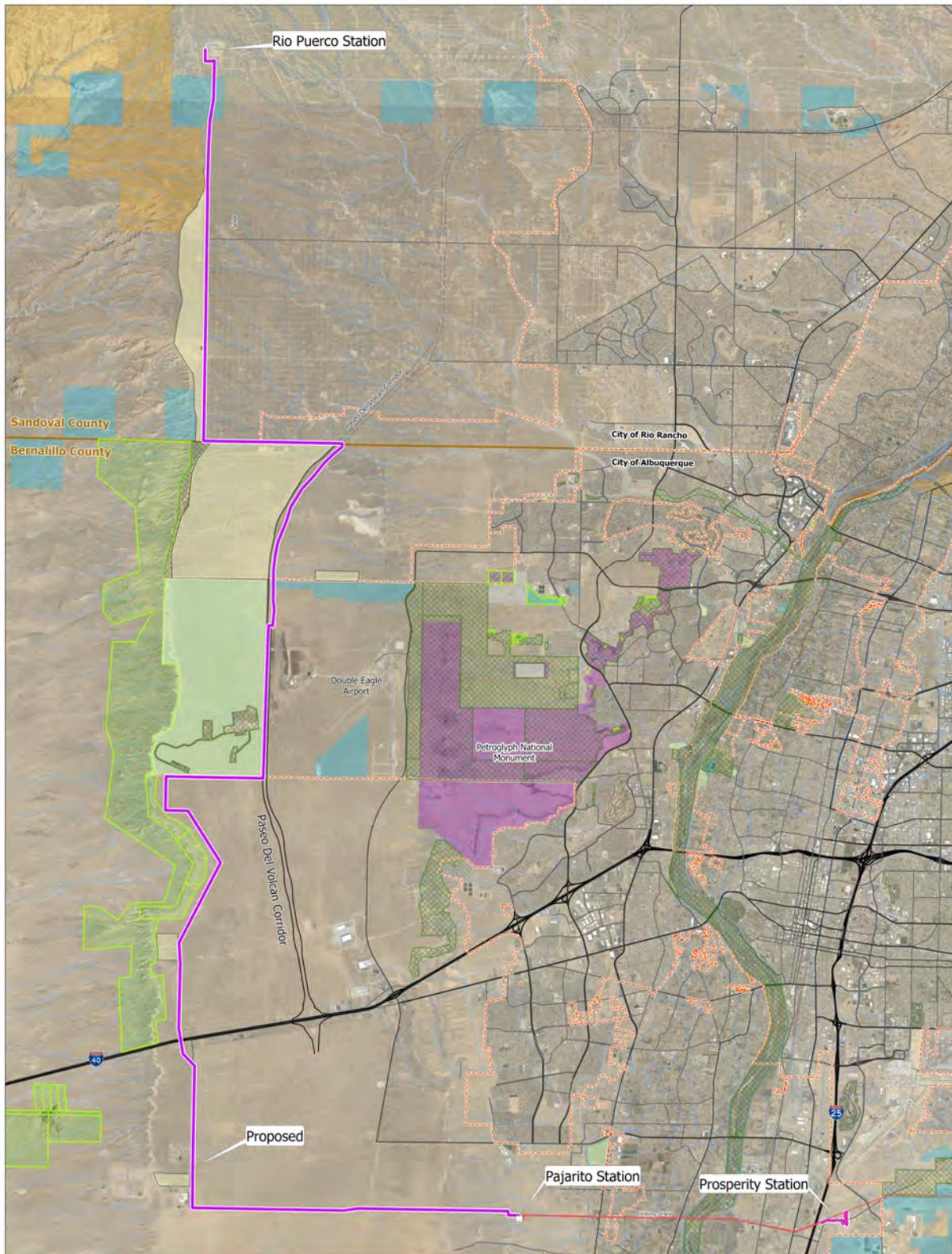
- Spearheaded the coordination and submission of the California Public Utilities Commission's Transmission Licensing Process documents to enable Transmission Distribution Business Unit (TDBU) projects to move forward in accordance with CPUC and CEQA regulations.
- Played a key role in the development of all public involvement processes and the company's CPUS, GO 131 D project environmental licensing process.
- Developed multiple cross-organizational processes that took operations to new levels of performance.
- In prior roles, led the development of the Primavera scheduling and Document management tools that significantly improved the Project Management group's capabilities.

Prior experience with Southern California Edison includes T&D Process Administration Project Manager, Assistant Project Manager, and more.

Project Map

PNM Exhibit AKM-2

Is contained in the following 1 page.



	PNM Facilities Station Existing Transmission 345kV	Route Proposed	Open Space Open To Public Closed To Public Priority acquisitions	Solar Field Pajarito Road Data Bernalillo Sandoval Paseo Del Volcan	Incorporated Places NM Counties	Bureau of Indian Affairs Bureau of Land Management Department of Defense National Park Service State Lands
	Date: 2/13/2026					

Pajarito - Rio Puerco 345kV Transmission Line Project Overview

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Agency Contact and Coordination Summary Table

PNM Exhibit AKM-3

Is contained in the following 4 pages.

Meetings/Outreach	Outreach Date	Organization	PNM Contact	Requests/Feedback	Concerns	Comments	Follow-up
Project Open House, Central & Unser Public Library, 8081 Central Ave NW	7/17/2025	General Public and property owners along potential transmission line routes	Leslie Watson, Russell Brito, Adam McClellan	none received	Height of transmission poles and potential effects on views	Some interest in the Project at this early stage	Internal discussion about a follow-up Open House concurrent with or after NMPRC review
Project Web Page created and published with general information about the Project and timelines: https://www.pnm.com/pajarito-riopuerco	7/16/2025	General Public	Leslie Watson, Russell Brito, Adam McClellan	Update the Project information as it evolves	none received	Update the Project information as it evolves	PNM will update the information on the web page as the Project evolves
Bernalillo County Planning Department, County Review Committee (staff)	2/14/2025	Bernalillo County Planning Department	Russell Brito	PNM requested guidance for updating the Bernalillo County Electric Facilities Plan, Project List and Maps to reflect the planning and implementation timeline for the Project	none received	Bernalillo County staff informed PNM that such an amendment to the electric Facilities Plan, Project List would require review and approval by the Board of County Commissioners	PNM applied for the addition of the Project to the Electric Facilities Plan, Project List that was reviewed and approved by the Board of County Commissioners on
CABQ Open Space Division	10/22/2025	City of Albuquerque Open Space Division	Russell Brito, Leslie Watson	Keep Open Space up to date on the timeline, provide updated maps for the potential routes	Height of transmission poles and potential effects on views. Concern for protecting cultural resources along the potential routes.	CABQ Open Space is and will be an important neighbor and concerns need to be addressed as best as possible.	Ongoing meetings are necessary to continue coordination with Open Space staff.
CABQ Open Space Division	03/13/2025	City of Albuquerque Open Space Division	Russell Brito, Leslie Watson	What is the timeline? Why is project needed?	Height of transmission poles and potential effects on views. Concern for protecting cultural resources along the potential routes.	CABQ Open Space is and will be an important neighbor and concerns need to be addressed as best as possible.	Ongoing meetings are necessary to continue coordination with Open Space staff.

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CABQ Tribal Affairs	04/03/2025	CABQ Equity and Inclusion	Russell Brito, Travis Suazo, Cathy Newby	Prepare for potential Tribal notice for any CABQ site plan or other public hearing processes	n/a	Use CABQ portal for information and direct contact with CABQ Equity and Inclusion	n/a
CABQ Planning Department, Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO)	05/07/2025	CABQ Planning Department	Russell Brito, Leslie Watson, Adam McClellan	PNM requests confirmation that an electric utility use is allowed in the NR-SU (non-residential, sensitive use) zone district	n/a	Yes, an electric utility use is allowed in the NR-SU zone district	Locating the transmission line on CABQ Double Eagle II Airport property and/or Open Space property may require site plan approval by the Environmental Planning Commission.
PNM web page: Pajarito to Rio Puerco 345kV Transmission Line	06/11/2025	General Public	Adam McClellan, Leslie Watson	n/a	n/a	n/a	PNM will update details and timelines on the Project web page as needed.
Pajarito - Rio Puerco Transmission Line Project presentation to West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (WSCONA)	07/02/2025	WSCONA	Russell Brito, Leslie Watson	What is the timeline? Why is project needed?	Height of transmission poles and potential effects on views. Concern for protecting cultural resources along the potential routes.	Keep WSCONA updated as the Project moves forward	PNM will update WSCONA about details and timelines.
Pajarito - Rio Puerco Transmission Line briefing for Sandoval County	07/14/2025	Sandoval County staff	Russell Brito, Carlos Lucero	General information about the Project and timeline	Amendment to the Rio Puerco Substation site development plan. Crossings of Sandoval County roads and streets.	Coordinate with Planning Department staff for update to Rio Puerco Substation site plan.	PNM will update Sandoval County about details and timelines and will make application for Rio Puerco Substation site plan.

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Update County's Electric Facilities Plan to include the Pajarito - Rio Puerco Transmission Line Project to the Plan's project list.	08/06/2025	Bernalillo County Planning Commission and general public	Russell Brito	General questions about project need, scope, and timelines	Any comments from notified Neighborhood Associations (all BernCo NA's): no concerns or opposition was expressed	Unanimous recommendation of approval to the BernCo Board of County Commissioners (BCC)	PNM will present application to the BCC
CABQ Aviation (Double Eagle II)	8/26/2025	CABQ Aviation Department	Carlos Lucero, Russell Brito, Leslie Watson	Initial meeting to introduce the Project - general questions about routing and pole heights that need FAA clearance	Coordination with FAA is important	n/a	Aviation Department requested a follow-up meeting
CABQ Aviation (Double Eagle II)	09/04/2025	CABQ Aviation Department	Carlos Lucero, Russell Brito, Leslie Watson	Follow-up meeting with Aviation Director and other staff that could not make the first meeting	Coordination with FAA is important	Update to the Double Eagle II Airport Master Plan is underway	PNM submitted pole locations and heights to the FAA for their review and determinations
Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA)	09/08/2025	ABCWUA	Russell Brito, Adam McClellan	NMDOT's Paseo del Volcan (PdV) right-of-way will eliminate much of the Soils Amendment Facility's (SAF) processing area	An easement for the Transmission Line Project would reduce the SAF's processing area even more	Consider requesting an easement on west side of PdV right-of-way and not on the SAF	PNM analyzing alternative alignments along the PdV corridor
Paseo del Volcan Corridor	09/25/2025	CABQ Aviation Department, US Air Force	Adam McClellan, Leslie Watson,	Transmission Line pole heights and locations	Transmission Line pole heights and locations should not interfere with 58th SOW training missions	Interest expressed in FAA review and determination	PNM analyzing alternative alignments along the PdV corridor and will share the FAA review and determination
Virtual meeting with the South Valley Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (SVCNA)	10/08/2025	SVCNA	Russell Brito, Susana Sollien	General information about the Project and timeline	n/a	Keep SVCNA updated as the Project moves forward	PNM will update SVCNA about details and timelines.

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Update County's Electric Facilities Plan to include the Pajarito - Rio Puerco Transmission Line Project to the Plan's project list.	10/14/2025	Bernalillo County Board of County Commissioners and general public	Russell Brito	General questions about project need, scope, and timelines	Any comments from notified Neighborhood Associations (all BernCo NA's): no concerns or opposition was expressed	Unanimous approval by the BernCo Board of County Commissioners (BCC)	PNM will continue to comply with local jurisdictions rules, standards, and processes
Paseo del Volcan Corridor	10/22/2025	CABQ Open Space Division	Russell Brito, Adam McClellan	Ongoing update to and discussion with CABQ Open Space staff	Height of transmission poles and potential effects on views. Concern for protecting cultural resources along the potential route.	The Grasslands Open Space is a lease from the US Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	PNM will review the BLM lease and consider a monopole design to minimize structure footprints
Paseo del Volcan Corridor	01/16/2026	CABQ Parks and Recreation, CABQ Open Space, CABQ Aviation Department, ABCWUA, NMDOT	Russell Brito, Adam McClellan, Leslie Watson	Group discussion of all stakeholders along the PdV corridor to ensure coordination and build consensus for the route	ABCWUA: loss of processing area at the SAF; Open Space: effect on Grasslands Open Space; Aviation: effect on DE II Airport operations; NMDOT: effect on PdV interchanges	PNM presented options along the PdV corridor that may minimize effects on properties along it	PNM will follow up with: site visits, more detailed mapping, sharing photo simulations

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ADAM K. McCLELLAN, Senior Manager of Land Services, PNMR Services
Company, upon being duly sworn according to law, under oath, deposes and states: I have read
the foregoing **Direct Testimony of Adam K. McClellan**, and it is true and accurate based on my
own personal knowledge and belief.

Dated this 25th day of February, 2026.

/s/ Adam K. McClellan
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February 25, 2026

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1 service projects, outage communications, renewable energy development, on tribal lands,
2 and taxation matters.

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4 **Q. Please state the purpose of your Direct Testimony.**

5 **A.** The purpose of my Direct Testimony is to describe the outreach and engagement PNM has
6 initiated and continues to engage in, with Tribes and in support of the Project that is the
7 subject of this application.

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II. STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION AND REQUESTS

10 **Q. Is PNM required to participate in public outreach efforts with local Tribes?**

11 **A.** Yes. This project is located within the City of Albuquerque and falls under the City's 2024
12 amendments to the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO), PNM is required to
13 participate in public outreach to a specified list of Indian Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos.
14 These amendments mandate notification and consultation when proposed development
15 occurs near culturally significant lands. The City now requires notification to Tribes for
16 development occurring within 660 feet of tribal or culturally sensitive areas, including the
17 Petroglyph National Monument, and designates Tribes as official commenting agencies
18 with a minimum 14-day review period before any such project may proceed. This
19 ordinance was formalized through the June–July 2024 updates to the City's IDO.

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21 The project proposed in this filing is located approximately three miles west of Petroglyph
22 National Monument; PNM remains committed to transparency throughout its

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1 development. Meaningful outreach and communication with all pre-identified 29 Tribes is
2 essential to ensuring understanding of the Project, particularly given these land areas are
3 ancestral homelands.

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5 **Q. Has PNM engaged in public outreach efforts with local Tribes?**

6 **A.** In accordance with the requirements discussed above, PNM conducted extensive tribal
7 outreach for the Project. PNM issued formal written notifications to pre-identified 29
8 Tribes—22 Tribes in New Mexico and 7 Tribes outside the state, identified by the National
9 Park Service as having historic and ancestral ties to the area. The notification letters, sent
10 via certified U.S. mail with return-receipt requested, were issued on May 2, 2025, and July
11 3, 2025. A “no affects” letter was received from the White Mountain Apache Tribe on June
12 6, 2025. PNM also met directly with numerous Pueblos individually, presented twice in
13 2025 at the monthly meeting of the All Pueblo Council of Governors (“APCG”), and has
14 maintained ongoing communications through PNM’s Tribal Government Relations &
15 Customer Engagement team.

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17 PNM is committed to continued sharing of cultural resource information developed
18 through pedestrian surveys conducted by licensed archaeologists. Tribal Historic
19 Preservation Officers (“THPO”) from six Tribes have accepted PNM’s offer to review this
20 material. This level of engagement reflects not only compliance with the City of
21 Albuquerque’s consultation requirements, but also PNM’s broader commitment to ensuring

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1 meaningful and respectful tribal participation throughout the life of the Project. See PNM
2 Exhibit CN-2 for further details on the tribal outreach.

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4 Further, PNM’s Tribal Relations team maintains ongoing relationships with Tribal leaders
5 on energy issues that may affect their communities. For a Project located near sovereign
6 Tribal lands and ancestral homelands, PNM acknowledges the importance of early,
7 meaningful, and culturally respectful involvement. Tribes may hold knowledge regarding
8 cultural resources, sacred sites and environmental considerations that PNM would not
9 otherwise be aware of; therefore, their consultation and feedback are essential to
10 responsible planning, design, and execution of the Project.

11
12 **Q. What was the outcome of the public outreach with the Tribes ?**

13 **A.** In general, most tribal stakeholders expressed an understanding of the need for the Project.
14 To date, there has been no verbal or written opposition to the Project. Representatives
15 consistently requested PNM share the results of cultural resource surveys with their THPO.
16 As surveys have been completed, PNM has shared the information with Tribes who
17 requested the information. A few Tribes also raised concerns regarding west facing view
18 preservation—particularly views from the Petroglyph National Monument toward the west
19 and Mt. Taylor (Turquoise Mountain). PNM has addressed these issues throughout the
20 outreach process and remains committed to continuing to respond to all concerns brought
21 forward by tribal stakeholders. PNM shared visual simulations with the requesting Tribes;
22 to date, no concerns were raised.

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1 **Q. Please identify, for each Tribe consulted, any specific requests, concerns, or**
2 **conditions communicated to PNM following PNM’s presentations of the Project,**
3 **including requests related to routing, cultural resource surveys, construction**
4 **practices, visual impacts, or ongoing consultation.**

5 **A.** Tribal stakeholder responses indicate that they understand the need for the Project. Tribal
6 representatives have been consistent in their requests for PNM to share information about
7 cultural resource surveys and their resulting outcomes with engaged THPO. PNM sent the
8 Cultural Resources Report to six requesting Tribes.

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10 The Pueblo of Santa Ana questioned initial land jurisdiction concerns for the northern
11 portion of the route, referencing proximity of the line to the Pueblo’s trust lands, Santa
12 Ana’s primary concerns related to this portion of the line and if the line was on tribal trust
13 land. PNM held a meeting with the Pueblo of Santa Ana on August 6, 2025, to review route
14 map, and to clarify the Project was not on tribal trust land, but adjacent to Santa Ana Pueblo
15 land. Concerns were expressed related to view preservation, specifically views from the
16 Petroglyph National Monument, westward towards Mt. Taylor (Turquoise Mountain) and
17 electric & magnetic fields (“EMFs”). While PNM has not directly addressed these concerns
18 yet, they will be incorporated into our environmental studies, which are still ongoing.
19 Please see PNM Exhibit CFN-2 for further details.

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21 **Q. For any Tribe that requested additional information or changes from PNM, either**
22 **during or in relation to any of these meetings, please identify whether and how PNM**

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1 We have shared cultural resource survey results with THPO's who requested them. We
2 have provided visual simulations as well and will share the full visual analysis for the
3 Project including views from Petroglyph National Monument once it is complete.

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5 Tribal feedback has focused on cultural resources, view preservation, especially views
6 toward Mt. Taylor and questions about EMFs. PNM has addressed these concerns
7 throughout the process. One Tribe raised a question regarding whether the line being
8 located on its tribal trust land and PNM confirmed that the Project transmission line is not
9 on Tribal trust lands, but adjacent to their land.

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11 To date, no Tribe has expressed verbal or written opposition. PNM remains committed to
12 continued communication, including updates to new Tribal leaders and another
13 presentation to the APCG in March 2026.

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15 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

16 **A. Yes.**

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Cathy Newby's Resume

PNM Exhibit CN-1

Is contained in the following 1 page.

Cathy Newby
EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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Tribal Outreach and Engagement

PNM Exhibit CN-2

Is contained in the following 4 pages.

Meetings/Outreach	Outreach Date	Tribe	PNM Contact	Requests/Feedback	Concerns	Comments	Follow-up
Tribal Project Notification Letter #1	5/2/2025	29 Tribes - 22 NM, 7 outside of NM List of tribes was identified by the Petroglyph National Monument for tribes with connection to Monument area	Leslie Watson	none received	none received	Letter #1 sent USPS, certified return receipt. No effects letter received June 6, 2025 from White Mtn Apache Tribe; no additional letters or notices received.	Second project notification letter sent 7/3/2025 to 28 tribes on tribal outreach list.
Response to 5/12/2025 email from Santa Ana Pueblo THPO	5/22/2025	Santa Ana Pueblo	Leslie Watson	Request for more detailed map of routes, specifically where the route comes close to tribal trust land	Initial land jurisdiction concerns, in reference to proximity of the line to the Pueblo's trust lands, Santa Ana's primary concerns relate to this portion of the line. As for the portion further south near the Petroglyphs, it is good that the line is west of Double Eagle and not directly along the volcanos, which is our other concern. Any viewshed analysis or information about visibility of the line from the volcano's would be great information for us.	5/22/2025 Leslie Watson emailed Santa Ana THPO a detailed route map as requested.	PNM scheduled August 6, 2025 in person meeting with Pueblo staff/THPO to discuss concerns and questions.
Response to 5/16/2025 email from Pojoaque Pueblo THPO	5/16/2025	Pojoaque Pueblo	Travis Suazo, Leslie Watson	Pojoaque Pueblo THPO responded to project information he received from 1st PNM certified mail letter outreach. After reviewing the project documentation, he concluded that given the vicinity of the project, the Petroglyph National Monument should be consulted with as well. The Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribal Historic Preservation Office will provide consultation regarding this project along with the Monument and alongside the Pueblos that are able to participate	none received	Pojoaque Pueblo and THPO were sent second certified mail letter with project information and invitation to attend July 16, 2025 Virtual Project Overview for Tribes. The Pojoaque Pueblo THPO was unable to participate due to field work. He was offered information to attend Public Open House session on July 17, 2025	Project updates provided to Governor during Aug 21 and Dec 4, 2025 All Pueblo Council of Governors Meeting

Meetings/Outreach	Outreach Date	Tribe	PNM Contact	Requests/Feedback	Concerns	Comments	Follow-up
Tribal Project Notification Letter #2	7/3/2025	29 Tribes - 22 NM, 6 outside of NM. List of tribes was identified by the Petroglyph National Monument for tribes with connection to Monument area	Leslie Watson	none received	none received	Letter #2 sent USPS, certified return receipt.	none requested
Virtual Tribal Open House on July 16, 2025; invitation sent to 22 New Mexico Tribes and 7 tribes outside New Mexico. Invitation list of tribes was identified by the Petroglyph National Monument. All 29 tribes were invited to the Public Open House event on July 17, 2025 in Albuquerque, NM.	July 16, 2025	Invitation sent to 22 New Mexico Tribes and 7 tribes outside New Mexico. Invitation list of tribes was identified by the Petroglyph National Monument for tribes with connection to Monument area	Cathy Newby, Russell Brito, Travis Suazo, Leslie Watson	Pueblo of Laguna requested follow-up meeting with THPP, Laguna Development Corp. and Laguna Economic Advancement, LLC. staff. Ryan Riley did ask if PNM will provide any information about EMFs.	None received from participant	Laguna Development Corporation, Govt Affairs staff was sole participant	Follow-up meeting scheduled/held Aug 20, 2025
Meetings with Isleta Pueblo on August 13, 2025, and December 22, 2025.	August 13, 2025	Isleta Pueblo	Cathy Newby, Travis Suazo	None expressed, asked to receive copy of cultural resources survey when available.	None expressed	Met with Governor, Lt. Governor, 2nd Lt. Governor, THPO and Cultural Dept staff	Isleta Pueblo THPO sent Cultural Resources Report on 12/19/2025 by Leslie Watson
	December 22, 2025	Isleta Pueblo	Cathy Newby, Travis Suazo	Asked to continue to work with THPO	None expressed	Met with Governor, Lt. Governor, 2nd Lt. Governor.	PNM project team will provide project updates to THPO and Pueblo Governors in 2026
Meeting with San Felipe Pueblo on August 1, 2025.	August 1, 2025	San Felipe Pueblo	Cathy Newby, Travis Suazo	None expressed	None expressed	Met with Governor, Lt. Governor, 2nd Lt. Governor.	None requested, but PNM project team will provide project updates to THPO and Pueblo Governor in 2026
Meetings with Santa Ana Pueblo on August 6, 2025, and December 3, 2025.	August 6, 2025	Santa Ana Pueblo	Cathy, Newby, Travis Suazo, Leslie Watson	None expressed, asked to receive copy of cultural resources survey when available.	Review of line route showed project is not on Santa Ana land, but adjacent. Tribal area recently became Tribal Trust lands (Kwii Kee Nee Puu); portions of T12 N/R 1 E; Sections 5 & 8. Pueblo asked about impact to view shed.	Maps were reviewed and discussed. Visual simulations were not available at that time to show view shed analysis. Simulations were not completed at the time of the meeting.	Santa Ana Pueblo THPO sent Cultural Resources Report on 12/19/2025 by Leslie Watson
	December 3, 2025	Santa Ana Pueblo	Cathy Newby, Travis Suazo	Asked to continue to work with THPO	None expressed	Met with Governor, Lt. Governor, Tribal Administrator	PNM project team will provide project updates to THPO and Pueblo Governors in 2026

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Meetings with Cochiti Pueblo on August 6, 2025, and December 8, 2025.	August 6, 2025	Cochiti Pueblo	Cathy Newby, Travis Suazo	None expressed	None expressed	Met with Governor, Lt. Governor, Tribal Administrator	None requested
	December 8, 2025	Cochiti Pueblo	Cathy Newby, Travis Suazo	Governor asked to keep new Governor/ administration updated on project	None expressed	Met with Governor, Lt. Governor, Tribal Administrator	At future scheduled meeting with Pueblo, PNM Tribal Govt Relations staff will provide project overview & new updates to new Governor in early 2026.
Meetings with Sandia Pueblo on August 11, 2025, and December 3, 2025.	August 11, 2025	Sandia Pueblo	Cathy Newby, Travis Suazo	None expressed. Environment Director asked to receive copy of cultural resources report when available.	None expressed	Met with Governor, Lt. Governor, War Chief, Lt. War Chief, Special Projects Director	Environment Director sent Cultural Resources Report on 12/19/2025 by Leslie Watson
	December 3, 2025	Sandia Pueblo	Cathy Newby, Travis Suazo	Governor asked to keep new Governor/ administration updated on project	None expressed	Met with Governor, Lt. Governor, War Chief, Lt. War Chief - provided brief update on when filing timeframe - Mid-Dec. 2025	At future scheduled meeting with Pueblo, PNM Tribal Govt Relations staff will provide project overview & new updates to new Governor in early 2026.
Meeting with Santo Domingo Pueblo on August 6, 2025	August 6, 2025	Santo Domingo Pueblo	Travis Suazo	None received	None expressed	Met with Lt. Governor and tribal officials to provide an overview of the project.	None requested, but PNM project team will provide project updates to THPO and Pueblo Governor in 2026
Meeting with Laguna Pueblo on August 20, 2025.	August 20, 2025	Laguna Pueblo	Laurie Williams, Cathy Newby, Travis Suazo, Leslie Watson, Russell Brito	THPO requested copy of Cultural Resources Report when available. Feedback to continue engagement with Pueblo on project	None expressed	Laguna Pueblo THPO, Laguna Development Corp CEO and Govt Affairs, LEA CEO,	Laguna Pueblo THPO sent Cultural Resources Report on 12/19/2025 by Leslie Watson
Meeting with Tesuque Pueblo on August 27, 2025.	August 27, 2025	Tesuque Pueblo	Cathy Newby, Travis Suazo	Feedback to continue engagement with Pueblo on the project	None expressed	Met with Governor, Lt. Governor, Tribal Staff	Provide any project updates to Governor in early 2026
Project presentation to the 20 Pueblo Governors of the All Pueblo Council of Governors ("APCG") [1] during their monthly meeting on August 21, 2025.	August 21, 2025	19 NM Pueblos	Laurie Williams, Cathy Newby, Travis Suazo, Leslie Watson, Russell Brito	Asked to continue to provide project updates to APCG body of Governors	None expressed	NM Pueblo Governors, Lt. Governors, Pueblo staff, APCG staff, and guests were present	Provide project update to Governors before the end of 2025
Project update presentation given to the APCG during December 4, 2025 monthly meeting. Additional project meeting updates are available to any tribe upon request.	December 4, 2025	19 NM Pueblos	Laurie Williams, Cathy Newby, Travis Suazo, Don Tarry	Asked to continue to provide project updates to APCG body of Governors	None expressed	NM Pueblo Governors, Lt. Governors, Pueblo staff, APCG staff, and guests were present. update on when filing timeframe - Mid-Dec. 2025	Provide project update to New and returning Pueblo Governors in early 2026 during monthly APCG meeting

Meetings/Outreach	Outreach Date	Tribe	PNM Contact	Requests/Feedback	Concerns	Comments	Follow-up
Ongoing project update discussions occur when PNM Tribal Government Relations staff meet with a Tribe/Pueblo.	August 8, 2025	Zia Pueblo	Cathy Newby, Travis Suazo, Robert Goodwin,	Governor requested THPO receive copy of Cultural Resources Report when available. Additional feedback to continue engagement with Pueblo on project	None expressed	Meeting with Governor, Lt. Governor, Legal Counsel, Tribal Administrators	Zia Pueblo THPO sent Cultural Resources Report on 12/19/2025 by Leslie Watson
	December 19, 2025	Pojoaque Pueblo	Leslie Watson	None received	None expressed	None received	Pojoaque Pueblo THPO sent Cultural Resources Report on 12/19/2025 by Leslie Watson
	December 22, 2025	Tesuque Pueblo	Cathy Newby, Travis Suazo, Robert Goodwin, Adam McClellan	Feedback received was to continue engagement with Pueblo on the project information	None expressed	Provided brief update on filing timeframe - Mid-Dec. 2025; Met with Governor, two Councilman, & staff	Continue engagement with Tesuque Pueblo in 2026 - Tribal Leadership & THPO

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Dated this 25th day of February, 2026.

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