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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF PURCHASED POWER AGREEMENTS, ENERGY STORAGE AGREEMENTS, AND CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR 2029-2032 SYSTEM RESOURCES AND THE ABANDONMENT OF THE FOUR CORNERS POWER PLANT.	)	**Docket No. 26-0000114**

ORDER APPOINTING CO-HEARING EXAMINER

THIS MATTER comes before the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("Commission") upon its own motion.

The Commission appoints Patrick Schaefer as Co-Hearing Examiner to preside over this matter with Hearing Examiner Jocelyn Barrett.

BACKGROUND[1]

1. On May 29, 2026, Public Service Company of New Mexico filed its Application for Approval of Purchased Power Agreements, Energy Storage Agreements, and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for 2029-2032 System Resources and the Abandonment of the Four Corners Power Plant.

2. On June 8, 2026, the Commission issued an Order Appointing Hearing Examiner, and appointed Chief Hearing Examiner Jocelyn Barrett to preside over the matter in this proceeding.[2]

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds and concludes:

3. The Commission may appoint hearing examiners to preside over this matter.[3]

[1] This order summarizes relevant background. The full electronic record of this proceeding is available at https://e360.prc.nm.gov/portal/public/#/public/nm-prc/en/home.
[2] Order Appointing Hearing Examiner at 2.
[3] *See* NMSA 1978, § 62-19-20 (2020); 1.2.2.29 NMAC.

4. The appointment of Patrick Schaefer as Co-Hearing Examiner in this matter will provide for administrative efficiency and assist in the orderly and timely resolution of this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

A. Co-Hearing Examiner Patrick Schaefer is hereby appointed to preside over this matter with Co-Hearing Examiner Jocelyn Barrett, to take all action necessary and convenient within the limits of the Hearing Examiners' authority, conduct any necessary hearings, and take any other action in this case that is consistent with law, including issuing a recommended decision.

B. This Order is effective when signed.

C. In computing time in accordance with statute, regulation, or Commission order, the computation shall begin on the date that this Order is filed with the Chief Clerk of the Commission's Records Management Bureau or the Chief Clerk's designee.

SIGNED under the Seal of the Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 21st day of August, 2026.

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

/s/ Gabriel Aguilera, electronically signed
GABRIEL AGUILERA, COMMISSIONER

