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Subject: **Public Service Company of New Mexico's Application for CCN Approval, Location Approval, ROW Determination, and Acquisition for the Mid-State 345 kV Transmission Project - Docket No. 26-0000XXX**

Public Service Company of New Mexico ("PNM") hereby files its Application requesting New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("Commission") approval to construct, own, and operate the Mid-State 345 kV Transmission Project and associated facilities (the "Project"). The Project consists of a new, approximately 102.8-mile, 345 kV transmission path extending from PNM's Western Spirit Switching Station to the Hidden Mountain Substation, including related station expansions, reactive support, series compensation, and remedial action scheme modifications.

Through the Application, PNM requests: (1) a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 62-9-1 and 62-9-6; (2) approval of the location of the Project pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 62-9-3 and 17.9.592 NMAC; (3) a determination pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 62-9-3.2 that a 200-foot right-of-way ("ROW") width is necessary for the Project; and (4) to the extent the Commission deems it necessary, express written authorization pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 62-6-12(A)(4) for PNM to acquire the transmission line from Mid-State Transmission LLC once construction is complete. PNM is not requesting a determination of ratemaking principles or cost recovery in this proceeding.

This filing includes the direct testimony and exhibits of six PNM witnesses and contains the following components:

- Executive Summary
- Application
- Proposed Form of Notice
- Compliance Matrix
- Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Adam J. Alvarez, Kelsey L. Martinez, Adam K. McClellan, Cathy Newby, Ian Evans, and Gregory Parent.

The Application and supporting direct testimony will be served electronically on parties to Case No. 24-00089-UT, parties to Docket No. 26-0000114, the New Mexico Department of Justice, the Commission's Utility Division Staff, the New Mexico Environment Department, the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer, and appropriate local authorities for the location control

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request. PNM will also complete service and notice in accordance with applicable Commission requirements.

Because the statutes governing the requested approvals establish different deadlines, PNM respectfully requests a procedural schedule that permits a final order on the ROW request within six months and no later than nine months for the CCN and location approval requests. Timely Commission review will support the Project's planned end-of-2029 energization date.

This Application is being electronically filed through the Commission's PRCe360 e-Filing and Case Management System. A check in the amount of $25.00 for the Application will be mailed to the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, and a copy of the check will be filed separately through PRCe360.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 505-241-2647 or at laura.maestas@pnm.com.

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Attachment

Cc: Certificate of Service
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Public Service Company of New Mexico ("PNM") is filing an application with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("Commission") for approval to construct, own, and operate the Mid-State 345 kV Transmission Project ("Mid-State Project" or "Project"), a new approximately 102.8-mile transmission path extending from the Western Spirit Switching Station in Torrance County to the Hidden Mountain Substation in Valencia County. Under a Development and Construction Agreement, Pattern Energy Group LP ("Pattern") will perform substantial Project development and construction activities. Mid-State Transmission LLC, a Pattern affiliate, will own the line during development and construction and will transfer the completed facilities to PNM. The Project is currently estimated to cost approximately $595 million, which is comprised of the acquisition cost of approximately $570.9 million and $24.1 million for additional PNM work to be performed for the Project. The Project includes a new 345 kV transmission line and associated station, system-protection, compensation, and 115 kV reconstruction work.

The Project is intended to strengthen PNM's east to west transmission system, address identified thermal and transient-stability constraints, reduce dependence on remedial action schemes, and provide greater operational flexibility during planned and unplanned outages. It also provides network reinforcement to support delivery of up to 800 MW of additional wind generation from Western Spirit toward PNM's load-serving area, subject to system conditions and applicable transmission and reliability limits. The Project supports the resources identified in PNM's 2029-2032 Resource Application, including the 800 MW Palomas wind portfolio, and is expected to be in service by the end of 2029. To maintain that schedule, PNM requests that the Commission issue a final order by July 30, 2027, nine months after filing.

PNM is requesting four principal approvals: (1) a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity; (2) approval to locate the Project within the approximately one-mile-wide Transmission Study Corridor; (3) a determination that a 200-foot right-of-way ("ROW") width is necessary; and, (4) to the extent the Commission determines it is required, express authorization for PNM to acquire the completed transmission line from Mid-State Transmission LLC. For co-located portions of the Project, the requested 200-foot ROW includes the existing 50-foot ROW and an additional 150 feet needed for construction adjacent to the existing, energized line.

Supporting testimony addresses the regulatory framework, need and alternatives, routing and land ownership, outreach, environmental protection, and the engineering basis for the requested ROW width. PNM maintains that the Project is necessary to support identified resource and load needs, improve system reliability and resiliency, integrate selected renewable resources, and provide customer and system benefits without unduly impairing important environmental values or power-system reliability.

PNM is not requesting current cost recovery or specific ratemaking treatment and intends to seek recovery of prudently incurred Project costs in a future general rate case after the Project enters service.

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, LOCATION APPROVAL, AND RIGHT-OF-WAY DETERMINATION FOR THE MID-STATE 345 KV TRANSMISSION PROJECT	)	
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO,	)	**Docket No. 26-0000XXX**
Applicant.	)	

APPLICATION

Public Service Company of New Mexico ("PNM") hereby submits its Application for approval to construct, own and operate the Mid-State 345 kV Transmission Project and associated facilities ("Application"). The Project is a new, approximately 102.8-mile, 345 kV transmission path extending from PNM's Western Spirit Switching Station to the Hidden Mountain Substation and includes related station expansions, reactive support, series compensation, and remedial action scheme modifications (the "Project"). PNM has partnered with Pattern Energy Group LP ("Pattern") to perform substantial development and construction activities for the Project under a Development and Construction Agreement. This Project is interdependent with the Palomas Wind Project, in which PNM is requesting Commission approval of the Palomas Purchased Power Agreements in Docket No. 26-0000114. The Project is needed to provide the network reinforcement required to deliver renewable energy interconnected in eastern New Mexico toward PNM's principal load-serving area, strengthen system reliability and resiliency, support load growth and changing resource needs, and improve operational flexibility.

PNM requests that the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("NMPRC" or "Commission"): (1) grant a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 62-9-1 and 62-9-6; (2) approve the location of the Project pursuant to Section 62-9-3 and 17.9.592 NMAC; (3) determine, pursuant to Section 62-9-3.2, that a Right-of-

Way ("ROW") width of 200 feet is necessary for the Project; and (4) to the extent the Commission deems it necessary, provide express, written authorization, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 62-6-12(A)(4), for PNM to acquire the transmission line from Mid-State Transmission LLC (a Pattern affiliate) once it is constructed. PNM does not seek a determination of ratemaking principles or cost recovery in this case. PNM will request recovery of prudently incurred Project costs in an appropriate future general rate case.

In support of the Application, PNM states the grounds for approval below, which are supported by the direct testimony and exhibits filed with this Application. An index identifying the materials supporting PNM's compliance with the requested approvals will be provided as Attachment 2 to this Application.

I. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND REQUIRED APPROVALS

1. PNM is a New Mexico corporation that owns, operates and controls public utility plant, property and facilities that provide retail and wholesale electric services in New Mexico. PNM is a public utility as defined in NMSA 1978, Section 62-3-3 and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission pursuant to the Public Utility Act ("PUA"), Chapter 62 NMSA 1978.

2. The Project consists of a new approximately 102.8-mile, 345 kV transmission line and associated facilities extending from the Western Spirit Switching Station in Torrance County to the Hidden Mountain Substation in Valencia County and traversing portions of Torrance, Socorro, and Valencia Counties. The Project is currently estimated to cost approximately $595 million, which consists of the fixed purchase cost of $570.9 million and an additional $24.1 million of work to be completed by PNM. The Project includes the following principal components:

- Construction of a new 345 kV transmission line between Western Spirit and Hidden Mountain;

- Expansion of the Western Spirit and Hidden Mountain stations to accommodate the new 345 kV line terminations;
- Installation of switchable shunt reactors at Western Spirit and Hidden Mountain;
- Construction of an intermediate series-compensation station in Socorro County;
- Modifications to the eastern New Mexico remedial action scheme; and
- Rebuilding portions of the existing Willard-to-Belen 115 kV line on structures capable of supporting the existing 115 kV circuit and the new 345 kV circuit, allowing use of portions of the existing corridor and ROW.

3. The Project is designed to provide the network reinforcement needed to support delivery of up to 800 MW of additional wind generation interconnected at Western Spirit toward PNM's load-serving area, subject to system topology, outages, dispatch, existing transmission reservations, available transfer capability, and applicable reliability criteria.

4. The Project will strengthen PNM's east-to-west transmission path, address identified thermal and transient-stability constraints, reduce dependence on remedial action schemes, provide additional options during planned and unplanned outages, and support changing resource and load conditions.

5. The Project supports PNM's 2029–2032 resource plan. PNM's Resource Application in Docket No. 26-0000114 identifies a resource need beginning in 2029 and includes 800 MW of Palomas wind resources. Mid-State provides the network reinforcement needed to deliver those resources from Western Spirit toward PNM's load-serving area.

6. PNM evaluated alternatives through its transmission and resource planning processes. The supporting evidence addresses lower-voltage upgrades, grid-enhancing technologies, use of existing facilities and corridors, three routing alternatives, and the no-project

alternative. The evidence demonstrates that Mid-State is a reasonable and economic alternative to meet the identified transmission and resource-driven need.

7. The Project is expected to be in service by the end of 2029. Timely Commission review is important because the schedule depends on regulatory approvals, final engineering and design, land and ROW acquisition, environmental and land authorizations, procurement of long-lead equipment, construction, testing, and operational certification.

8. The Development and Construction Agreement ("DCA") between PNM and Mid-State Transmission LLC is structured such that Mid-State Transmission LLC will own the line during the design and construction phases, after which PNM will acquire the line. For this reason, PNM includes a request for express, written authorization from the Commission to acquire the line once it is constructed, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 62-6-12(A)(4).

9. The following witnesses provide testimony and exhibits in support of the Application. Their testimony and exhibits are incorporated by reference herein:

a. Adam J. Alvarez, PNM Director of Regulatory Policy and Case Management, addresses the statutory and regulatory framework, requested approvals, future ratemaking treatment, Project benefits, and requested relief;

b. Kelsey L. Martinez, PNM Director of Regional Markets and Transmission Strategy, addresses the Project overview and need, transmission studies and alternatives, coordination with resource planning and other transmission projects, customer and public benefits, estimated cost, terms of the DCA, and anticipated in-service date;

c. Adam K. McClellan, PNM Senior Manager of Land Services, addresses the routing study, proposed route, land ownership and crossings, acquisition of ROW and easements, co-location, land permits and authorizations, stakeholder outreach, and ROW notification;

d. Cathy Newby, Director of Tribal Governance and Customer Engagement for PNMR Services Company, addresses Tribal outreach and engagement;

e. Ian Evans, Environmental Senior Manager for Pattern, addresses the Transmission Study Corridor within which the proposed route is located, the Environmental Report, agency consultation, protection measures, environmental impacts, land use, and compliance with the Location Statute and Location Rule; and

f. Gregory Parent, P.E., S.E., P.Eng., Principal of Transmission Line Engineering for Exo Inc., addresses the engineering analysis supporting the requested 200-foot ROW width.

10. Section 62-9-1 of the PUA (the "CCN Statute") requires public utilities to obtain a CCN from the Commission before beginning construction, operation, or extension of public utility plant or system outside the ordinary course of business. Because PNM's Application also requests approval of the transmission-line location, Section 62-9-3(K)(1) requires the Commission to issue an order granting or denying the CCN and location approval requests within nine months after the Application is filed, subject to an additional six-month extension for good cause shown.

11. The Project satisfies the standards for issuance of a CCN. It addresses an identified transmission need, supports PNM's ability to provide reliable service and integrate selected generation resources, and provides customer and system benefits. The Project does not unnecessarily duplicate existing or planned transmission facilities and, based on the alternatives evaluated and the supported Project-cost estimate, will not result in economic waste. Accordingly, the Project satisfies the public-convenience-and-necessity considerations identified in NMSA 1978, Section 62-9-6 and is in the public interest. The supporting testimony also addresses cost, feasible alternatives, environmental and cultural impacts, stakeholder outreach, and the matters identified by the Commission in Case No. 2382.

12. Section 62-9-3 (the "Location Statute") and 17.9.592 NMAC require Commission approval because the Project includes facilities designed to operate at 345 kV and will be constructed in connection with and to transmit electricity from new generation facilities designed for or capable of operation at more than 300 MW.

13. PNM requests approval to locate the Project within the approximately one-mile-wide Transmission Study Corridor depicted in the supporting exhibits. PNM also requests reasonable authority to refine the final alignment within the environmentally studied corridor as engineering, environmental surveys, land negotiations, permitting, and micrositing advance, subject to applicable Commission notice, reporting, review, and compliance requirements.

14. The Application, testimony, and exhibits provide the information required by 17.9.592.10 NMAC, including the Project description and maps; route and total line length; land ownership and crossing information; interconnection facilities and schematic; applicable land-use requirements; environmental review; anticipated environmental and land authorizations; expected online date; proof of required service; and testimony addressing important environmental values and power-system reliability.

15. The proposed location will not unduly impair important environmental values, and operation of the Project will not unduly impair power-system reliability. The Environmental Report evaluates the resource areas identified by statute and rule, and the Project will implement applicable best management practices, protection measures, avoidance and minimization measures, permit conditions, and discovery protocols.

16. Section 62-9-3.2 (the "ROW Statute") requires a utility to obtain a Commission determination of the necessary ROW width when the proposed width is greater than 100 feet, unless otherwise agreed by the parties. PNM requests a determination that a 200-foot ROW width is necessary to construct, operate, and maintain the Project safely and reliably. For portions of the Project that will be co-located with the existing 115 kV line, the requested 200-foot ROW consists

of the existing 50-foot ROW together with an additional 150-foot ROW necessary for construction of the new co-located facilities adjacent to the existing energized line.

17. The ROW Statute requires a final decision within six months after filing.

18. The requested ROW width is supported by engineering, land, environmental, and routing evidence addressing structure configuration, conductor clearances and blowout, access, construction, operation and maintenance, reliability, safety, electric and magnetic fields, noise, corona effects, and co-location with existing facilities.

19. The proposed route is approximately 102.8 miles long and crosses private lands, as well as lands managed by the New Mexico State Land Office, Cibola National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, New Mexico Department of Wildlife, and New Mexico Department of Transportation. Final crossing distances will be established from the final Environmental Report, routing study, cadastral survey, and detailed design. PNM has begun ROW and easement coordination and will obtain required land rights and governmental authorizations before construction.

20. Acquisition of the constructed transmission line from Mid-State Transmission LLC is not unlawful, nor is it inconsistent with the public interest, therefore, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 62-6-13, it should be approved.

21. PNM is not requesting present cost recovery, a final jurisdictional allocation, a retail customer-class allocation, or specific ratemaking treatment. These matters will be addressed in an appropriate future proceeding based on the Project's actual in-service costs and the governing allocation methodologies.

II. NOTICE AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. PNM's proposed form of Notice is attached to the Application as Attachment 1. PNM will publish and provide the approved Notice in the manner directed by the Commission.

2. PNM has served a copy of this Application and supporting pre-filed direct testimony on the New Mexico Department of Justice, the Commission's Utility Division Staff, parties to Case No. 24-00089-UT (PNM's most recent general rate case) and Docket No. 26-0000114 (PNM's 2029-2032 Resource Case). PNM will complete service in accordance with applicable Commission requirements, including service on the appropriate local authorities for the location control request, as well as the New Mexico Environment Department, and the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer. PNM will also provide the notice required by NMSA 1978, Section 62-9-3.2(D) to owners, and occupants where applicable, of property proposed to be taken.

3. Because Sections 62-9-3(K)(1) and 62-9-3.2(F) establish different final-order deadlines, PNM respectfully requests a procedural schedule that reasonably permits a final order on the ROW request within six months and no later than nine months for the CCN and location requests. If necessary to preserve the governing deadlines, PNM requests that the Commission bifurcate the procedural schedules for requests with different statutory approval deadlines while maintaining a coordinated evidentiary record.

4. A Final Commission Order on the CCN and location requests within the applicable nine-month statutory period, together with a timely ROW-width determination, will support the planned end-of-2029 energization date and reduce the risk of delays and related contractual impacts under the DCA.

5. The following designated corporate representatives and legal counsel for PNM should receive all notices, discovery requests, objections and responses, briefs, and other documents related to this case:

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All pleadings, correspondence, and other documents should also be delivered electronically to Laura Maestas at laura.maestas@pnm.com and the PNM Regulatory Department at pnmregulatory@pnm.com.

WHEREFORE, PNM respectfully requests that the Commission issue notice of this proceeding, conduct all necessary hearings in accordance with the applicable statutory deadlines, and approve the Application. PNM further requests that the Commission determine that:

A) PNM's construction, ownership, and operation of the Mid-State 345 kV Transmission Project is reasonably necessary to provide reliable service, support identified resource and load needs, provide a net public benefit, and serve the public interest, and therefore a CCN should be granted pursuant to the CCN Statute;

B) The proposed location of the Project within the Transmission Study Corridor satisfies NMSA 1978, Section 62-9-3 and 17.9.592 NMAC, will not unduly impair important environmental values, and operation of the Project will not unduly impair power-system reliability;

C) A 200-foot ROW width is necessary to construct, operate, and maintain the Project;

D) PNM's acquisition of the transmission line from Mid-State Transmission LLC once constructed is expressly authorized pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 62-6-12(A)(4);

E) Any ratemaking principles, cost recovery, jurisdictional allocation, and customer-class allocation matters are deferred to a future appropriate proceeding; and

F) PNM should receive any other authorization or relief necessary to implement the Project in accordance with the PUA and applicable Commission rules.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of October 2026.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO

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NOTICE TO PNM CUSTOMERS

Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) has filed an application requesting issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to construct, own and operate the Mid-State 345 kV Transmission Project and associated facilities (the "Project"). The Project is a new, approximately 102.8-mile, 345 kV transmission path extending from PNM's Western Spirit Switching Station to the Hidden Mountain Substation and includes related station expansions, reactive support, series compensation, and remedial action scheme modifications. PNM also requests approval to locate the Project within the proposed transmission-study corridor. The Project will also require Commission approval of a Right-of-Way (ROW) width of 200 feet. Additionally, PNM is requesting, to the extent the Commission deems it necessary express, written authorization for PNM to acquire the transmission line from Pattern once it is constructed. The Project is needed to provide the network reinforcement required to deliver renewable energy interconnected in eastern New Mexico toward PNM's principal load-serving area, strengthen system reliability and resiliency, support load growth and changing resource needs, and improve operational flexibility. PNM requests a procedural schedule that permits a final order on the ROW-width request within six months and on the CCN and location-approval requests within nine months after filing. PNM's application includes best-known cost estimates for the Project, however any ratemaking treatment will be deferred to a future general rate case.

More information about this case can be found on PNM's website, https://www.pnm.com/regulatory, or by contacting the Commission at the addresses and telephone number provided below. The Commission has assigned Docket No. 26-_____ to this case. All questions or written comments about this case should refer to this docket number.

NO ACTION IS REQUIRED UNLESS YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC HEARING OR COMMENT ON THE PROCEEDINGS.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held beginning at [time] on **[date]**, to hear and receive testimony, exhibits, and legal arguments about PNM's application. The public hearing will take place via the Zoom platform. Members of the public can watch the hearing via a livestream on the Commission's YouTube channel and its website, https://www.prc.nm.gov/public-hearings/.

If you wish to participate in the hearing as a party to this case, you must file a motion for leave to intervene on or before **[date]**. Anyone filing pleadings, documents or testimony in this case must comply with the Commission's electronic filing policy and serve a copy on all parties, the Commission's Staff, and the assigned hearing examiners.

The Commission's Rules of Procedure, found at 1.2.2 NMAC, apply to this case except if modified by order of the Commission or hearing examiners. The rules of procedure and other NMPRC rules are available online at the New Mexico Compilation Commission at https://nmonesource.com/nmos/en/nav.do.

PUBLIC COMMENT

If you are interested in the case but do not wish to become a party, you may make written and oral comments as allowed by Rule 1.2.2.23(F) NMAC. Public comments are not taken at the evidentiary hearing because they are not evidence, but they are reviewed and considered by Commission staff. You may send written comments before the Commission takes final action by sending the comment, which must specifically reference Docket No. 26-____, to prc.records@prc.nm.gov. The Commission may also be reached by telephone at 1-888-427-5772 if there are questions about how to submit written comments. Additionally, oral comments may be taken at public comment hearing if one is scheduled by the Commission. If a public comment hearing is scheduled, the date, time and location will be provided on the Commission's website. Public comment is also welcome during Commission open meetings. The open meetings schedule is available on the Commission's website.

IF YOU ARE AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY WHO IS IN NEED OF A READER, AMPLIFIER, QUALIFIED SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER, OR ANY OTHER FORM OF AUXILIARY AID OR SERVICE TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING. OR FOR A SUMMARY OR OTHER TYPE OF ACCESSIBLE FORMAT OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OF THE COMMISSION AT (505) 827-8019 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO THE HEARING.

Any person who desires more information about this case may contact the Commission by phone at (505) 827-4084 or 1-888-427-5772 or by email at Ryan.Jimenez@prc.nm.gov.

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Mid-State 345 kV Transmission Project Compliance Matrix

	Item	Rule	Type	Witness	Section(s)
1	The need for the facility.	Staff	CCN	Kelsey L. Martinez	III. Project Need IV. System Need and Alternatives Analysis
2	Cost information for facility.	Staff	CCN	Kelsey L. Martinez	V. Project Benefits and Costs
3	No environmental violations are noted	Staff	CCN	Ian Evans	VI. The Applicant Will Assure that the Transmission Line Does Not Unduly Impair Important Environmental Values VII. Compliance with the Location Rule
4	Proposed facility the most economical choice among feasible alternatives.	Staff	CCN	Kelsey L. Martinez	IV. System Need and Alternative Analysis
5	All efforts to collaborate with interested constituents and reach a consensus, and the results of such efforts (OLE Issue 1).	2382 (OLE) pg 104 of the Final Order	CCN	Adam K. McClellan; Cathy Newby	IV. Public Outreach Process (McClellan) II. Stakeholder Consultation and Requests (Newby)
6	The ramifications of any increase in PNM's ability to wheel into its service area (OLE Issue 2).	2382 (OLE) pg 104 of the Final Order	CCN	Kelsey L. Martinez	II. Project Overview
7	The current status of any other projects or planned projects which would significantly affect the transmission grid, and how such projects affect the current application (OLE Issue 3).	2382 (OLE) pg 104 of the Final Order	CCN	Kelsey L. Martinez	II. Project Overview
8	The current status of any plans to change the ownership or operation of significant portions of the New Mexico transmission grid (e.g. connection of Plains' transmission system to SPS) and how such change would affect the current application (OLE Issue 4).	2382 (OLE) pg 104 of the Final Order	CCN	Kelsey L. Martinez	II. Project Overview
9	How PNM's transmission needs have been integrated with PNM's generation/power purchase plans and needs, including how such transmission will affect or be affected by present or future generation configurations (OLE Issue 5).	2382 (OLE) pg 104 of the Final Order	CCN	Kelsey L. Martinez	II. Project Overview
10	If the project is to benefit DOE/LANL/LAC, updates to their load growth or shrinkage (OLE Issue 6).	2382 (OLE) pg 104 of the Final Order	CCN	Adam J. Alvarez;	III. Request for CCN
11	Progress on and analysis of all reasonable alternatives to the current application (OLE Issue 7).	2382 (OLE) pg 104 of the Final Order	CCN	Kelsey L. Martinez	II. Project Overview
12	All assumptions to which PNM's proposal is significantly sensitive (OLE Issue 8).	2382 (OLE) pg 104 of the Final Order	CCN	Kelsey L. Martinez	II. Project Overview
13	PNM agrees not to request from the Commission rate recovery of any transmission costs that are not caused by, or do not directly benefit, New Mexico retail customers. "Directly benefit" includes transmitting power for retail customer use, transmitting power for off-system sales, and enhancing system reliability.	10-00086-UT Pg 122 of Final Order Partially Approving Certification of Stipulation	CCN	Adam J. Alvarez; Kelsey L. Martinez	VI. Rate Recovery and Future Treatment (Alvarez) VII. Benefits of the Proposed Project (Alvarez) V. Project Benefits and Costs (Martinez)
14	Description of the transmission line.	NMAC 17.9.592.10.A	Location Approval	Kelsey L. Martinez; Ian Evans	II. Project Overview (Martinez) III. Project Description and Environmental Analysis (Evans)
15	The location of the transmission line.	NMAC 17.9.592.10.A.1	Location Approval	Adam K. McClellan; Ian Evans	III. Project Location (McClellan) III. Project Description and Environmental Analysis (Evans)
16	A map depicting the location in electronic format and physical format with a scale not to exceed one inch equals five miles.	NMAC 17.9.592.10.A.1	Location Approval	Adam K. McClellan; Ian Evans	III. Project Location (McClellan) III. Project Description and Environmental Analysis (Evans)
17	Identification of the ownership of the land (such as private, bureau of land management, U.S. forest service, state trust, etc.) the transmission line will cross, and the number of feet the transmission line will cross over each owner's land	NMAC 17.9.592.10.A.2	Location Approval	Adam K. McClellan; Ian Evans	III. Project Location (McClellan) III. Land Use, Land Ownership, and Compliance with Land Use Statutes and Administrative Regulations (Evans)
18	The total length of each transmission line in feet.	NMAC 17.9.592.10.A.3	Location Approval	Adam K. McClellan; Ian Evans	III. Project Location (McClellan) III. Project Description and Environmental Analysis (Evans)
19	A description of interconnection facilities.	NMAC 17.9.592.10.A.4	Location Approval	Kelsey L. Martinez; Gregory Parent; Ian Evans	II. Project Overview (Martinez) II. Analysis (Parent) III. Project Description and Environmental Analysis (Evans)
20	A schematic diagram showing the transmission line and the interconnection of the transmission line into the transmission grid.	NMAC 17.9.592.10.A.5	Location Approval	Gregory Parent	II. Analysis
21	Identification of all applicable land use statutes and administrative regulations and proof of compliance or statement of noncompliance with each.	NMAC 17.9.592.10.B	Location Approval	Ian Evans	IV. Location Control Statute, NMSA 1978 § 62-9-3 V. Location Rule, 17.9.592 NMAC VII. Land Use, Land Ownership, and Compliance with Land Use Statutes and Administrative Regulations VIII. Compliance with the Location Rule

	Item	Rule	Type	Witness	Section(s)
22	If required under NEPA, an environmental assessment prepared in connection with the transmission line.	NMAC 17.9.592.10.C	Location Approval	Ian Evans	V. Location Rule, 17.9.592 NMAC VIII. Compliance with the Location Rule
23	If required under NEPA, an environmental impact statement and record of decision or a finding of no significant impact, prepared in connection with the transmission line.	NMAC 17.9.592.10.D	Location Approval	Ian Evans	V. Location Rule, 17.9.592 NMAC VIII. Compliance with the Location Rule
24	If preparation of a federal environmental assessment or environmental impact statement is not required under NEPA in connection with the transmission line, then a report, comparable to an environmental impact statement, in the format prescribed in 40 C.F.R. Section 1502.10.	NMAC 17.9.592.10.E	Location Approval	Ian Evans	III. Project Description and Environmental Analysis VIII. Compliance with the Location Rule
25	All written federal, state, and local environmental authorizations necessary to begin operation, of the transmission line; if any such authorization cannot be obtained until after construction of the transmission line, proof of application for such authorization.	NMAC 17.9.592.10.F	Location Approval	Ian Evans; Adam K. McClellan	III. Project Description and Environmental Analysis (Evans) VI. Land Permits and Other Authorizations (McClellan)
26	Testimony demonstrating that the transmission line will not unduly impair important environmental values; important environmental values include, but are not limited to, (1) preservation of air and water quality; (2) land uses, soils, flora and fauna; and (3) preservation of water resources, mineral resources, socioeconomic, cultural resources, historic resources, religious resources, visual resources, geologic resources, and geographic resources.	NMAC 17.9.592.10.G	Location Approval	Ian Evans	VI. The Applicant Will Assure that the Transmission Line Does Not Unduly Impair Important Environmental Values
27	The expected date that the transmission line will be online.	NMAC 17.9.592.10.H	Location Approval	Kelsey L. Martinez; Ian Evans; Adam J. Alvarez	V. Project Benefits and Costs (Martinez) III. Project Description and Environmental Analysis (Evans) VII. Benefits of the Proposed Project (Alvarez)
28	Proof that the application has been served on all local authorities in each county and township where the transmission line will be located, the New Mexico attorney general, the New Mexico environment department, and the New Mexico state engineer.	NMAC 17.9.592.10.I	Location Approval	N/A	Certificate of Service
29	Any other information, including photographs, which the applicant wishes to submit in support of the application.	NMAC 17.9.592.10.J	Location Approval	Ian Evans	III. Project Description and Environmental Analysis
30	At a minimum, the applicant shall make its application available in the county seat of each county in which the large capacity plant or transmission line is located. If available, the applicant shall deposit the application in a public library of a county seat. Additionally, the applicant shall post its application on the applicant's web site.	NMAC 17.9.592.13	Location Approval	Adam Alvarez Application	V. Location Control (Alvarez) II. Notice and Procedural Matters (Application)
31	The applicant shall cause notice of the time and place of hearing on the application for the right-of-way determination to be given to any owner of property proposed to be taken and, if applicable, to the person in actual occupancy of the property. Notice shall be given by mailing a copy by ordinary first class mail at least twenty days before the time set for hearing. Proof of the giving of notice shall be made on or before the hearing and filed in the proceeding.	NMSA 62-9-3.2	ROW	Attachment I. Adam K. McClellan	Proposed Notice to PNM Customers (Attachment I.) VII. ROW Notification (McClellan)