

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF)
NEW MEXICO'S APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION)
TO IMPLEMENT GRID MODERNIZATION)
COMPONENTS THAT INCLUDE ADVANCED METERING)
INFRASTRUCTURE AND APPLICATION TO RECOVER)
THE ASSOCIATED COSTS THROUGH A RIDER,)
ISSUANCE OF RELATED ACCOUNTING ORDERS, AND)
OTHER ASSOCIATED RELIEF)**

Case No. 22-00058-UT

ORDER STAYING PROCEEDINGS

THIS MATTER comes before Christopher P. Ryan, Hearing Examiner for the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (Commission), on PNM's June 26, 2023, response to the June 20, 2023, order requiring the company to provide an estimate of the time it will need to perform benefit cost analyses (BCA or BCAs) of the varying grid modernization proposals set out in its October 3, 2022, application to make grid modernization investments under NMSA 1978, Section 62-8-13 (2020, as amended through 2021). The Commission issued an order on May 31, 2023, concluding that BCAs of the proposed investments are necessary in this case to evaluate the merits of PNM's proposals.

The Hearing Examiner **FINDS AND CONCLUDES** as follows:

1. PNM reports that it will supply BCAs for the grid modernization proposals by November 3, 2023.
2. The Hearing Examiner will set no hard date by which the BCAs must be supplied but will instead await the filing and stay this matter until the time PNM files the BCAs. PNM should take whatever time is needed to perform thorough analyses.
3. Intervenors understandably state that they will need time to review the BCAs, formulate discovery requests, supply supplemental testimony of their own, and generally request

that that they be provided due process of law after PNM supplies the BCAs. These are patently reasonable requests.

4. It is best to stay these proceedings, await PNM's filing, and then formulate a procedural schedule after PNM supplies the BCAs and supporting testimony.

5. The Commission and this Hearing Examiner will be presiding over a significant rate case involving PNM in the late summer and fall 2023, Case No. 22-00270-UT. Many of the intervenors in this grid modernization case are intervenors there as well. The rate case has time constraints. These proceedings will have to be scheduled around the rate case proceedings.

For these reasons, **IT IS ORDERED:**

A. This proceeding is stayed until further order of this Hearing Examiner or the Commission.

B. Once PNM files the BCAs, the Hearing Examiner will promptly take additional action to schedule the necessary procedures to ensure all parties to this case are ensured due process of law

ISSUED under the Seal of the Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico this **10th** day of July **2023**.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this date I sent a true and correct copy of the order above to the persons identified below on the date identified below.

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