

Powering New Mexico: *The Journey to Sustainable Energy*

November 4th-5th, NM State Capitol Room 307

Agenda Monday

Time

8.30 AM - 5:00 PM

Time/ Topic	Summary of Presentation	Speaker/s
8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. New Mexico Energy Roadmap	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Secretary Kenderdine will discuss the current energy landscape and where the nation and New Mexico may be headed with the energy transition.	Secretary Melanie Kenderdine , NM Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Division
9:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. Regulation of Rural Electric Cooperatives (1G)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A discussion of the state's rural electric distribution cooperatives—how they're legally different than traditional IOUs, where they serve, who they serve, and how they operate. Identifying the challenges for these cooperatives both in terms of regulatory, operational and financial challenges.	Dan Najjar , Partner, Virtue & Najjar Charise Swanson , New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperatives
10:30 a.m.- 10:45 a.m.	Break	
10:45 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. Modern Challenges to Distribution Planning (1.5G)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">This panel will discuss the technical and regulatory challenges to distribution planning in today's evolving energy landscape.	Commissioner Ellison , Moderator, NMPRC Adrian Rodriguez , Xcel Energy Matthew Reno , PhD Sandia National Labs Jim DesJardins , REIA-NM Sean Morash , Telos Energy



12:15 p.m.- 1:15 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own

1:15 p.m.- 2:15 p.m.

***Regulation
Post-Chevron
(1G)***

- The presentation will address federal regulation in a post-Chevron world and provide an update on the Supreme Court decision in *Loper Bright Enterprises et al v. Raimondo, Secretary of Commerce, et al.*

Zoe Lees, Xcel Energy

2:15 p.m.- 3:45 p.m.

***Ethical
Considerations
for the Use of AI
in Litigation
(1.5E)***

- This panel will discuss the ethical considerations for the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in litigation, including discovery, performing legal research, and assisting in drafting testimony and pleadings.

John Kreienkamp, PRC
Nicholas Rossi, PRC
Nadia Powell, EPE

3:45 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Break

4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

***The PRC in the
Supreme Court
(1G)***

- Chief Justice Thomson will discuss the impact of the ETA on the New Mexico Supreme Court's docket and cover agency deference in New Mexico.

**Chief Justice Dave
Thomson**, New Mexico
Supreme Court

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8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. <i>Appellate Round-Up (1G)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">This session will review significant appellate matters affecting the PRC that emerged over the past year. It will delve into key rulings and decisions, highlighting their implications for regulatory practices in New Mexico. In exploring these recent appellate outcomes, it will also cover in-depth examinations of specific cases that illustrate the application of appellate rulings in real-world scenarios, how recent decisions affect various stakeholders, including utility providers, consumers, and advocacy groups, and insights into navigating the evolving regulatory landscape, with practical guidance for legal practitioners and regulatory professionals.	<i>Erin Lecocq, PRC</i>
9:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. <i>Is it Time to Rethink Cost Recovery (1E1J)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Explore the social and economic justice issues surrounding our traditional model of utility cost recovery and discuss whether there's a better way to bring our whole state forward.	<i>Cholla Khoury,</i> <i>Moderator, PRC</i> <i>Gideon Elliot,</i> <i>NM Dept. of Justice</i> <i>Kyle Tisdell,</i> <i>Western Environmental Law Center</i> <i>Mayane Chavez Barudin,</i> <i>Sovereign Energy</i>
10:30 a.m.- 10:45 a.m.	<i>Break</i>	

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How Regionalization Has Changed Regulation (1.5G)

- The discussion will explore how regionalization will affect the regulatory environment and interests of regulated utilities, market participants, and consumers. Panelists will discuss stakeholder opinions on opportunities and challenges with operations and reliability, economic development, and customer savings.

Commissioner Aguilera,
Moderator
Rikki Seguin, Interwest
Kelsey Martinez, PNM
David Springe, NASUCA
(virtual)

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Modern Economic Development in New Mexico (1.5G)

- This panel will explore the relationship between the PRC, utilities, and economic development in New Mexico. Topics include site readiness, cost recovery, and regulatory lag.

Chair Pat O'Connell,
Moderator
NM Rep. Meredith Dixon
Don Terry, PNM
Nik Stoffel, Holland & Hart LLP

3:00 p.m.- 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15 p.m.- 4:15 p.m.

Virtual Certainty: Ethical and Professional Considerations for the Successful Use of Videoconferencing Technology (1E)

- This one-hour course will focus on the ethical and financial considerations of using videoconferencing technology in legal practice. A checklist for teleconference preparation will be provided to attendees.

Brian McMath,
Nachawati Law Group

4:15 p.m.

End
