

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW) MEXICO FOR APPROVAL OF THE CITY) OF RIO RANCHO 2016 UNDERGROUND) PROJECT RIDER PURSUANT TO ADVICE) NOTICE NO. 526,)) PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW) MEXICO,) <p style="text-align: center;">Applicant.</p>) _____)	Case No. 16-00150-UT
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NOTICE TO PNM's CITY OF RIO RANCHO CUSTOMERS

NOTICE is hereby given of the following matters pending before the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("NMPRC" or "Commission"):

Public Service Company of New Mexico ("PNM" or "Company") filed an Application and Advice Notice No. 526 requesting approvals, authorizations and variances necessary to implement a City of Rio Rancho 2016 Underground Project Rider 46 ("Rider 46").

If approved by the Commission, Rider 46 would apply to only those PNM customers taking electric service within the City of Rio Rancho ("City"). Rider 46 would allow PNM to recover total Excess Costs associated with the installation of an approximately 6,580 foot three-phase distribution line along 15th Street Southeast, 13th Avenue Southeast and 19th Street Southeast in the Rio Rancho Estates Unit 10 development. The total Excess Costs for the project are currently estimated at approximately \$253,494, plus carrying costs of \$8,563. The Project will serve new and existing load in the area south of Black Arroyo Boulevard Northwest and Unser Boulevard Northwest in Rio Rancho and will provide backup support to the Rust Presbyterian Hospital.

The following Rider 46 charges would be paid in addition to the current charges that the customer is paying, and they would be collected through a line item charge on the customer's bill for the six month period:

<u>Rate Class</u>	<u>Tariff(s)</u>	<u>Excess Costs Fixed Charge</u>
Residential	Schedule 1A & 1B	\$0.95 Per Bill Per Month
Small Power	Schedule 2A & 2B	\$1.07 Per Bill Per Month
General Power	Schedule 3B & 3C	\$30.22 Per Bill Per Month
Large Power	Schedule 4B	\$185.25 Per Bill Per Month
Irrigation	Schedule 10A & 10B	\$0.05 Per Bill Per Month
Water & Sewage	Schedule 11B	\$50.16 Per Bill Per Month
Large Manufacturing	Schedule 30B	\$609.16 Per Bill Per Month

The new charges stated above are for informational purposes only, and the final rate design may vary the rates ultimately charged to each class of customers.

PNM is also requesting related rulings and variances, including: from the Commission's Rule 17.9.530 NMAC, the minimum data standard filing requirements for rate schedules proposed by investor-owned utilities; and from the requirements of 17.1.2.10.B(2)(b) NMAC and 17.1.2.10.C(2)(c) and (d) NMAC of a comparison with present rates because Rider 46 is a new rate that does not currently exist.

Further information regarding this case may be obtained by contacting PNM or the Commission at the addresses and telephone numbers provided below. The Commission has assigned Case No. 16-00150-UT to this proceeding, and all inquiries or written comments concerning this matter should refer to that case number.

The procedural schedule established by the Commission for this proceeding is as follows:

1. On or before September 16, 2016, any person desiring to intervene to become a party ("intervenor") in this case must file a motion for leave to intervene in conformity with NMPRC Rules of Procedure 1.2.2.23(A) and 1.2.2.23(B) NMAC.
2. Staff and any intervenor testimony shall be filed by October 7, 2016.
3. Rebuttal testimony shall be filed by October 19, 2016.
4. A public hearing on this matter shall be held beginning on October 27, 2016 commencing at 9:00 A.M. at the offices of the Commission, P.E.R.A. Building, 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico, to hear and receive evidence, arguments and any other appropriate matters relevant in order to determine whether PNM's proposed rate, if appropriate, should be approved by the Commission.

The procedural dates and requirements of this case are subject to further order of the Commission or Hearing Examiner.

The Commission's Rules of Procedure, 1.2.2 NMAC *et seq.*, shall apply to this case except as modified by order of the Commission or Hearing Examiner. A copy of such Rules is available at the official NMAC website, <http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us/nmac/>.

Any person whose testimony has been filed shall attend the hearing and submit to examination under oath.

Any interested person may appear at the time and place of the hearing and make written or oral comment pursuant to 1.2.2.23(F) NMAC without becoming an intervenor. All such comments shall not be considered as evidence in this case.

Interested persons should contact the Commission for confirmation of the hearing date, time and place since hearings are occasionally rescheduled.

Any interested person may examine PNM's Application and pleadings, testimony, exhibits and other documents filed in this case at PNM's offices at 414 Silver Ave. SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, Telephone: (505) 241-270 or at the Commission's offices, 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico, (888) 427-5772. Further information regarding this case can be obtained at the Commission's website, <http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us/>, or PNM's website at <http://www.pnm.com/regulatory>.

Anyone filing pleadings, testimony and other documents in this case may file them either in person at the Commission's docketing office in the P.E.R.A. Building in Santa Fe, New Mexico, or by mail to the Commission's address at P.O. Box 1269, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1269, and must serve copies thereof on all parties of record and the Commission's Utility Division Staff. All filings shall be e-mailed to Staff and the parties on the date they are filed with the Commission.

ANY PERSON WITH A DISABILITY REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE COMMISSION AT (505)827-4084 AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE HEARING.

ISSUED at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 8th day of July, 2016.

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

Elizabeth C. Hurst
Hearing Examiner