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## **Recap: PNM media briefing on weather event**

**(Albuquerque, NM)** – Today, PNM hosted a virtual media briefing on the severe wind and weather event forecasted for March 6 in the Santa Fe, East Mountains, and Las Vegas areas which could increase the likelihood of weather-related power outages.

**FOR MEDIA ONLY:** A recording of the media briefing can be found [here](#).

**FOR MEDIA ONLY:** PNM will host the next virtual media briefing tomorrow, March 6, at 11:00 a.m. (time subject to change). The link to join this briefing [can be found here](#). Meeting number: 2482 677 9827 Meeting password: SafetyPNM.

### PNM Media Briefing:

- PNM is tracking widespread strong winds and fire risk across our service area tomorrow afternoon, Thursday March 6. The National Weather Service has issued red flag warnings that include portions of three communities in our service territory, and communities we expect to be most impacted are the East Mountains, Santa Fe, and Las Vegas.
- Due to elevated risk of wildfires in these areas, PNM is setting system controls to be more sensitive in these communities to protect public safety against the risk of wildfires. This brings the possibility of more power outages of extended duration.
- Customers in the East Mountains, Santa Fe, and Las Vegas should be prepared for the potential of outages lasting overnight Thursday and Friday – conditions to inspect and begin restoration are not expected to be safe until daybreak Friday morning.
- **PNM has not made the decision to implement a PSPS at this time**, but we are mobilizing crews and resources in case it becomes necessary.
- A potential Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) is being considered for:
  - o **East Mountains** – A PSPS in this community is likely. Based on current weather forecasts we anticipate up to 11,000 customers affected.
  - o **Santa Fe and the Cochiti Pueblo**– a PSPS in this community is likely. Based on current weather forecasts, we anticipate up to 35,000 customers could be affected.
  - o **Las Vegas** – a PSPS in this community is possible. We expect approximately 2,300 customers could be affected.
- PNM will communicate directly with potentially affected customers if the decision to implement a PSPS is made – that decision would likely occur Thursday morning.
- **Call to Action:**
  - o Customers should **sign up for outage alerts** by texting #REG to 78766 from a phone number associated with their account. Then text #ALERT to 78766.
  - o Customers should **update their contact information** at [PNM.com/login](https://www.pnm.com/login) or call us at 888-DIAL-PNM.

- Given the widespread nature of the storm it is also possible that customers outside of these areas could experience extended power outages. Customers can **report a power outage** at [PNM.com/outage](https://www.pnm.com/outage) or by texting #REG to 78766 and then #OUT to 78766. Customers can view the power outage map at [PNM.com/outagemap](https://www.pnm.com/outagemap).
- Plan ahead. The American Red Cross advises steps to prepare for a power outage at: <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/power-outage.html>.
- Learn more at [PNM.com/wildfire-safety](https://www.pnm.com/wildfire-safety).

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