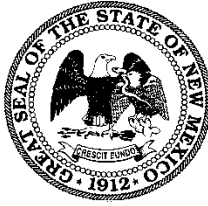


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NEWS RELEASE

Commissioner Becenti-Aguilar announces CenturyLink brings broadband to 16,000 rural homes and businesses in New Mexico

SANTA FE – Public Regulation Commissioner Theresa Becenti-Aguilar along with CenturyLink announced that it has expanded broadband to more than 16,000 rural homes and businesses in New Mexico as part of the Public Regulation Commission and CenturyLink’s commitment to bring high-speed internet to more Americans.

Commissioner Theresa Becenti-Aguilar is working diligently with the Public Regulation Commission (PRC) staff and many Telecom Industries in fostering broadband communications.



PRC Commissioner Jeff Byrd, Leo Baca of CenturyLink, PRC Chair Theresa Becenti-Aguilar, PRC Telecom Bureau Chief Michael Ripperger, and PRC Vice-Chair Valerie Espinoza

“Every day, my constituents are faced with communication services on the Navajo Nation and Northwest New Mexico. The landscapes are tough challenges of terrains. I appreciate utility industries such as CenturyLink taking aggressive steps to build broadband infrastructure to create economic opportunities and expand access to healthcare and educational resources”, said Commissioner Becenti-Aguilar.

PRC is addressing issues in collaboration with broadband and telecommunications industries, Engineering for broadband deployment as well as Policy and Regulations.

“In my home town, I continue to meet with Tribal Leaders to address Tribal Life Link, wireline providers and wireless providers. My work focuses on infrastructure and advancing technology. Many Electric Co-Ops are also branching their services for advanced technology in broadband”, said Commissioner Becenti-Aguilar.

PRC Telecommunication Division staff reviews applications for Federal Communications Commissions (FCC) Connect America Fund (CAF). “I commend my staff for their work performance when it comes to sending their recommendations for final approval for the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission”, said Commissioner Becenti-Aguilar.

Commissioner Theresa Becenti-Aguilar appreciates the New Mexico Public Regulation Commissioners following foot prints to make New Mexico better in telecommunications across the state.

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