

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The Public Regulation Commission gives notice that in case number 17-00033-UT it has initiated a **proposed rulemaking** promulgating revisions to the Commission's rules for the purpose of rewriting Part 540 of Title 17 of Chapter 9 of the New Mexico Administrative Code (17.9.540 NMAC *et seq.*) relating to the customer protest process relating to the review of rates proposed by Rural Electric Cooperatives.

Copies of the Order Establishing Rulemaking Docket and Issuing Notice of Proposed Rulemaking containing additional information, a copy of the proposed rule changes, and filing instructions may be downloaded from the Proposed Rulemaking section of the Commission's website at <http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us> under Case No. 17-00033-UT or by calling the Commission's Records Management Bureau at (505) 827-6968 (Melanie Sandoval).

Written Initial Comments and written Response Comments shall be filed by the deadlines below with the NMPRC's Record's Management Bureau at P.O. Box 1269, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1269 or by hand delivery to the NMPRC Records Management Bureau at 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Room 406, Santa Fe, NM 87501 as follows: Written comments shall be filed not later than **May 12, 2017** and written responses not later than **May 22, 2017**. Comments shall refer to Case No. 17-00033-UT.

A **public comment hearing** will be held in this matter on **May 31, 2017, beginning at 1:00 p.m.** in **Santa Fe** at the offices of the Commission located in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Hearing Room of the old PERA Building, at 1120 Paseo de Peralta, in Santa Fe, NM 87501.

**The public comment hearing will be held in order to receive oral comments** from interested individuals. Since commenters are afforded the opportunity to submit written comments and written responses to the Commission, **any individual who wants to provide oral comments at the public comment hearing shall be limited to five (5) minutes to express those comments, subject to enlargement of such time at the Commission's discretion.** Only oral comments, but no testimony or other evidence, shall be taken at the hearing because this docket is a rulemaking proceeding. The Commission may also determine that a spokesperson be designated to speak on behalf of an organization, a group, or a group of individuals that shares the same message or seeks the same goals, in order to maximize the efficiency of the public comment hearing

Unless the Commission or presiding officer rules otherwise, the record in **this rulemaking shall close twenty (20) days after the conclusion of the public hearing** or on **June 20, 2017**.

Interested persons should contact the Commission to confirm the date, time, and place of this public hearing because hearings are occasionally rescheduled. If you are an individual with a disability and you require assistance or an auxiliary aid (such as a sign language interpreter) to participate in any aspect of this process, please contact Ms. Kathleen Segura at (505) 827-4501 at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of the hearing.

Constitutional and Statutory Authority: New Mexico Constitution, Section 2 of Article XI (1996); NMSA 1978, Paragraph (10) of Subsection B of Section 8-8-4 NMSA 1978 (1998); Section 8-8-15 NMSA 1978; and Sections 62-3-1, *et seq.*, NMSA 1978.