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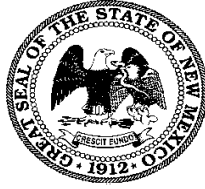
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NEWS RELEASE

Commission to Consider Transfer of Operations at Harvest Gold Next Week

AV Water Applies to Transfer Water Utility to Apple Orchard

SANTA FE – In a unanimous decision, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission issued an order setting a public hearing for Wednesday, June 14 in the matter of transferring operations of a trouble water system in northwest New Mexico.

An attorney for the AV Water Company filed the application on behalf of the water utility shortly after the beginning of the Commission's meeting Wednesday morning, June 7. In its application to the NMPRC, AV Water seeks to abandon the Certificate of Convenience & Necessity (CCN) with regard to the Harvest Gold Water System, and to transfer ownership of assets as well as water operations and water services to the Apple Orchard Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association.

The Commission, well aware that Harvest Gold residents have been under a boil-water advisory for a little over one year, moved to expedite the hearing process. The Commission cited their wish to avoid placing State funding at risk with the end of Fiscal Year 2017 occurring June 30. That funding was allocated to interconnect Harvest Gold to the City of Bloomfield's water system.

The hearing is set for Wednesday, June 14, at 9:30 am, at the Commission's 4th Floor Hearing Room of the Old PERA Building, located at 1120 Paseo de Peralta in Santa Fe. Interested persons may intervene and become parties by filing a written motion before the hearing or by appearing at the hearing and making an oral motion at the beginning of the hearing.