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## NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION FROM THE OFFICE OF DISTRICT 5 COMMISSIONER SANDY JONES

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### \*\*\* MEDIA ADVISORY \*\*\*

#### *Public comment hearing planned on New Mexico Gas Co.'s proposed rate increase*

**SANTA FE, NM** – New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Chairman Sandy Jones is seeking feedback on a proposed rate increase for New Mexico Gas Company customers and on Tuesday is hosting a public comment hearing in Silver City.

New Mexico Gas Company serves more than 524,000 customers in 27 counties throughout New Mexico. Approximately 92 percent of the company's customer base is residential; commercial and industrial customers make up the remaining eight percent.

The company is requesting an \$8 million increase in annual base revenues, which correlates to an approximate 1.4 percent increase in an average residential customer bill.

According to the utility, since 2012, it has invested more than \$250 million in system upgrades and maintenance, as well as in operations, and says these investments are the primary reason for the proposed rate adjustment.

“As chairman of the agency that represents energy consumers, I urge New Mexico Gas Company customers to attend the comment hearing to learn what a rate increase would mean for them,” said Commissioner Jones. “Their input is valuable and their voices will be heard.”

Representatives of New Mexico Gas Company will address the audience prior to the comment portion of the meeting.

**DATE: Tuesday, May 8, 2018**

**TIME: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**PLACE: Grant County Administration Center, Commission Meeting Room  
1400 Highway 180 E., Silver City, NM**

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