



# NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

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### PRC's Espinoza Key Speaker at 2013 'Hispanics In Energy' Series

SANTA FE, N.M. — One of America's leading Hispanic energy groups recently selected New Mexico Public Regulation Commissioner Valerie Espinoza (District 3) to be a key speaker at its inaugural National Energy Policy Series.

Hispanics in Energy (HIE) is community-driven non-profit designed to facilitate Hispanic inclusion in the nation's energy industry. It is the first organization of its kind dedicated to involving Hispanics in critical energy sector matters related to areas like jobs creation, business opportunities and policy.

The policy series event attracted Hispanic leaders from state and national regulatory offices, universities and industrial organizations from around the country, including notable attendees like Monica Martinez, former member of the Michigan Public Service Commission, California Senator Richard G. Polanco (Ret.), Catherine J.K. Sandoval of the California Public Utilities Commission and Jesus Soto, Pacific Gas and Electric's vice president of gas transmission.

During her speech, Espinoza covered topics related to the national Hispanic community's emerging influence on rural energy development and safety, renewable energy, climate change and important regulatory matters related to her home district in northern New Mexico.

Espinoza has often been recognized as a new and important voice in the Hispanic energy community since taking office at the PRC earlier this year. She is a member of the National Association of Regulated Utility Commissioners and was recently appointed to represent New Mexico on the state's Utility Marketplace Access and Energy and Environment subcommittees.

"It was a great honor to be a part of HIE's National Energy Policy Series," Espinoza said. "I think it brings timely and important issues to the forefront of our nation's energy sector, especially in areas like demand-response, renewable energy development and energy efficiency innovations."

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