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PRC's Espinoza Meets With Northern Rio Arriba County Cooperative

SANTA FE, N.M. — Last month, Public Regulation Commissioner Valerie Espinoza (District 3) met with board members and executives from one of northern New Mexico's prominent rural utility companies.

On Sept. 30, Espinoza spoke at Northern Rio Arriba Electric Cooperative's (NORA) monthly luncheon.

NORA is a member-owned utility serving over 4,000 customers over 510 miles of line in rural Rio Arriba County.

Espinoza spoke at length concerning the PRC's work with rural cooperatives and updated NORA's leadership on current cases before the Commission in Santa Fe.

Also on the agenda was a breakdown of the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association's involvement in a state wildfire task force organized by the PRC earlier this year.

Espinoza focused on the importance of each rural cooperative's membership and leadership to promote the importance of wood fuel reduction and general safety precautions where utility services meet with dry, heavily forested areas.

Building a sustainable, responsible and affordable energy future in New Mexico was also a topic of discussion. Espinoza pointed out the PRC's involvement in passing new renewable energy rules and its ongoing work toward finding equitable energy diversity requirements for investor-owned utilities.

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