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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING CASE NO. 19-00168-UT

The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (the "commission") gives notice of its initiation of a proposed rulemaking to amend sections of (or alternatively repeal and replace) **Rule 17.7.2 NMAC "Energy Efficiency".** The rules which may be adopted as the final rules in this proceeding may include all, part, or none of the language in the proposed rules issued by the commission. The commission may also consider alternative proposals for amending or replacing the current rules.

<u>Concise explanatory statement:</u> The commission is considering amending sections of rule 17.7.2 NMAC. The commission is considering changes to many sections of the rule. In particular, the commission is considering changes regarding changes to the Energy Efficiency Rule in conformance with the 2019 amendments to the Efficient Use of Energy Act.

Constitutional and statutory authority: New Mexico Constitution, Article XI, Sec. 2; Paragraph 10 of Subsection B of Section 8-8-4 NMSA 1978 (1998), Section 8-8-15 NMSA 1978 (1999, amended 2001), and Sections 8-8-16, 62-3-1, 62-8-6 and 62-17-1 *et. seq.*, NMSA 1978.

A copy of the full text of the proposed rules may be obtained from the Rulemaking Proceedings section of the Commission's website at http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us under Case No. 19-00168-UT or by calling Isaac Sullivan-Leshin in the Office of General Counsel at (505) 670-4830.

Written initial comments and written response comments shall be filed by the deadlines below in accordance with NMPRC rules of procedure 1.2.2 NMAC. For information as to how to file at the time of filing, please contact Melanie Sandoval, the commission's records bureau chief at (505) 470-8538 or melanie.sandoval@state.nm.us. Written initial comments shall be filed no later than **May 21, 2021** and written response comments shall be filed no later than **June 4, 2021**. Comments shall refer to Case No. <u>19-00168-UT</u>. All written comments will be posted on the commission's website within three days of their receipt by the records bureau.

A public hearing will be held on **June 21, 2021, beginning at 2:00 p.m.** via Zoom platform. Any member of the public who wishes to make a comment at the hearing must contact Isaac Sullivan-Leshin at (505) 670-4830 or Isaac.Sullivan-Leshin@state.nm.us by no later than 12:00 pm on June 18, 2021 in order to be placed upon the public comment listing and to receive the Zoom invitation. The Zoom invitation will include a call-in number for those participants who are unable to access the Zoom platform via computer. The purpose of the hearing is to give interested persons an opportunity to give oral comments. The commission may limit the time for each comment to five minutes.

The record of this case will close on July 5, 2021.

Any person with a disability requiring special assistance in order to participate in the hearing should contact Mr. Jim Williamson at (505) 467-9116 or Jim.Williamson@state.nm.us at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of the hearing.