

**BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S )  
ADOPTION OF RULES PURSUANT TO THE )  
COMMUNITY SOLAR ACT )**

**Docket No. 21-00112-UT**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to current, future, and likely community solar interconnection applicants, as required by Decretal Paragraph A of the New Mexico Public Utility Commission's ("NMPRC") June 15, 2021 *Order Issuing Notice to Electric Utilities and Applicants Regarding Pending Applications for Community Solar Interconnections during Rulemaking Proceeding*, which was issued in this Docket (the "June 15, 2021 Order"). On June 18, 2021, the Community Solar Act, Sections 62-16B-1 to 62-16B-8 NMSA 1978, became effective law in New Mexico. Pursuant to Subsection 62-16B-7 (B) of the Community Solar Act, the NMPRC is required to adopt rules to establish a community solar program no later than April 1, 2022, which is approximately nine months from the date of this Public Notice

As required by the June 15, 2021 Order, [[ El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") / Public Service Company of New Mexico ("PNM") / Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS")]] hereby provides notice to current, future, and likely community solar interconnection applicants that:

1. The NMPRC's existing interconnection rules, found in the New Mexico Administrative Code at 17.9.568 NMAC, and manual remain in place until amended or replaced by the NMPRC; and
2. A place in a utility's applicant queue for interconnection does not and will not provide any advantage for selection as a community solar project, as the NMPRC's rules will be in place on or before April 1, 2022.

No NMPRC community solar rules are currently in place, and there are no rules that authorize the processing of any community solar interconnection applications. For this reason, utilities are not required to accept or record community solar applications. However, [[ EPE / PNM / SPS ]] will process qualifying facility applications that are not, or will not be associated with community solar programs according to NMPRC Rule 17.9.568 NMAC.

This Public Notice is being posted on [[ EPE's / PNM's / SPS's ]] website. If you have any questions related to EPE, please contact:

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