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## **NMPRC lowers rates for PNM customers**

SANTA FE- Yesterday, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission lowered rates for New Mexico ratepayers by issuing an order to resolve an appeal related to the closure of the San Juan Generating Station. The Commission voted unanimously to approve an agreement that will have the parties dismiss the appeal and immediately return \$115 million in rate credits to PNM ratepayers over the next 12 months. The order also allows PNM to issue bonds as contemplated in the Energy Transition Act and protects ratepayers if the interest rate on those bonds exceeds 5.5%.

“Lowering PNM’s rates now means customers can benefit from the cost savings that they have been waiting for since the San Juan Generating Station was closed last year.” Said Commission Pat O’Connell

The matter comes to a vote after the New Mexico Supreme Court sent the case back to the Commission on September 14, 2023. The case had been pending in the Supreme Court for more than a year. In its meeting yesterday, the Commission considered the agreement and unanimously voted to approve it, stating that relief should come to the ratepayers without any further delay.

“Since expenses for San Juan Generating Station Units 1 and 4 are in PNM’s current rates, they have effectively been collecting operating and maintenance expenses on an abandoned plant,” said Commissioner James Ellison. “This settlement returns the over collected funds to ratepayers as a bill credit, which the Commission has been working to achieve for over one year.”

“By resolving the appeal case surrounding the San Juan Generating Station credits, we are excited to pave the way for a responsible energy transition while shielding ratepayers from adverse financial impacts.” said Commissioner Gabriel Aguilera. “New Mexican customers are deserving of those rate credits, and my top priority is ensuring they receive what they are entitled to as quickly as possible.”

The Commission is currently hearing a rate case application from PNM. Testimony from the parties has been filed, and the Commission has held two opportunities for the public to comment. The hearing, which began on September 5, is concluding. Once the hearing is over, the Commission will consider the evidence and decide the matter. Anyone interested in filing public comment on PNM’s application is welcome to submit comments at [prc.records@prc.nm.gov](mailto:prc.records@prc.nm.gov).

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