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New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Welcomes Ed Rilkoff as New Utility Division Director

SANTA FE, N.M. — The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) today announced the hiring of Ed Rilkoff as Director of the Utility Division. In this role, Ed will be responsible for the supervision and management of all operations and staff assigned to the Division, which supports the Commission in the regulation of electric, natural gas and renewable energy resources, telecommunications, and water and wastewater systems.

"I am excited to join the Utility Division, build on its accomplishments, and address the challenges as the state transitions towards a renewable future," said Rilkoff.

Rilkoff has more than 20 years of experience working in the energy industry, including for both the public and private sectors in the U.S. and Canada. He has held roles in a provincial energy department, an electric utility, an independent power producer, a solar company, and consulting. His areas of expertise include strategy, regulation, business development, project development, energy marketing, gas supply and transportation, as well as energy economics.

Rilkoff most recently served as director of business development for a Boston-based solar company. Prior to that, he performed research with a Baltimore consulting firm into blockchain technologies in the energy and environment sector, including impacts on carbon markets.

Earlier in his career, he was vice president of an independent power producer that developed three utility-scale merchant gas-fired projects. Before that, Rilkoff was hired

by an electric utility in the northeast U.S. to develop and execute strategies to increase natural gas use to displace coal-fired generation. He started his career as an economist with the Alberta Department of Energy.

A native of British Columbia, Rilkoff holds a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and a Master of Arts in Economics both from the University of Alberta and an MBA from Northeastern University in Boston.

Rilkoff enjoys fishing, the outdoors, and participating in a variety of sporting activities.

The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC) regulates the <u>utilities</u>, <u>telecommunications</u>, and <u>motor carrier</u> industries to ensure fair and reasonable rates, and to assure reasonable and adequate services to the public as provided by law. The NMPRC also promotes public safety through the offices of <u>Pipeline Safety</u> <u>Bureau</u> and <u>Transportation Division</u>.

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