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PRC to hold second workshop on reliability metrics and practices from investor-owned utilities

SANTA FE — The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) will hold a second informational meeting to explore the reliability of service from each of the state’s three investor-owned utilities. Joseph Eto, of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, will present a survey of reliability reporting practices in various jurisdictions and discuss how those practices arose. He will also provide reactions to the first informational meeting, including a discussion of local reliability issues pertaining to each of the investor-owned utilities. Information from this meeting will be used to create rules for reporting standardized reliability metrics for investor-owned electric utility distribution operations.

“Reliability, which is keeping the lights on, is job number one for our electric utilities,” said Commissioner James Ellison. “The PRC needs relevant and consistent information about our electric utilities’ reliability performance – both in order to assess their level of performance, as well as to understand how they use reliability data to improve their service.”

“Having this informal series first should allow for a more free and open exchange of information and allow the formal rulemaking process to proceed more efficiently,” said PRC Chair Patrick O’Connell.

“Employing the best practices in electric reliability reporting will push us to continually enhance the reliability of New Mexico’s electric grid performance,” said Commissioner Gabriel Aguilera. “This workshop will help us analyze the methods used in other regions as we strive to identify and develop the best practices for New Mexico’s utilities.”

An agenda for this meeting can be found [here](#).

Details about the workshop are as follows:

- **WHO:** New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, statewide investor-owned utilities, and Joseph Eto of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- **WHAT:** Joseph Eto to present a survey of reliability reporting practices and discuss local reliability issues pertaining to each of the state’s investor-owned utilities
- **WHEN:** Thursday, July 6, at 9 a.m. MDT

- **WHERE:** Hearing Room inside the Bokum Building, located at 142 W Palace Ave., Santa Fe, NM 87501; Watch online via the PRC's YouTube Channel
- **PUBLIC COMMENT:** To sign up for public comment, contact Patrick Rodriguez at public.comment@prc.nm.gov or by phone at 505-490-7910. Please sign up no later than two hours before the start of the meeting.

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