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NMPRC to host first ‘Regulation in New Mexico’ seminar at the Roundhouse

Two-day event will focus on adapting to changes in regulatory practices across the state

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC) is excited to host the agency’s first “Regulation in New Mexico – How to Navigate a Dynamic Landscape” seminar on Monday and Tuesday, November 13 and 14, at the State Capitol.

Open to the public, this two-day event will focus on regulatory practices across the state, where new environmental priorities, changing technologies, and developing regional markets have made for a dynamically altering landscape, and is designed to provide crucial updates on utility regulation and administrative law, targeting professionals who are actively involved in these sectors. The seminar is approved by the State Bar of New Mexico for continuing legal education (CLE) courses – 10 general credits and 2 ethics credits; this will be the first time that the NMPRC has hosted an accredited CLE course in more than a decade.

Seminar panels will be led by NMPRC staff, leadership from other state agencies, and industry professionals from the private and nonprofit sectors. The discussions will cover topics related to administrative hearing practice and settlements and include presentations on ethics and professionalism.

Leading off the presentations will be a discussion on the “NMPRC’s Role: A Stakeholder’s Perspective,” moderated by Commissioner Gabriel Aguilera and featuring New Mexico Senate Majority Leader Peter Wirth; Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department Secretary Sarah Cottrell Propst; Rikki Seguin, executive director of the Interwest Energy Alliance; and Adrian Rodriguez, president of Southwestern Public Service Company. They will examine the NMPRC’s role within the state from the perspectives of legislators, public officials, utilities, and stakeholder representatives, particularly the role the agency can play in New Mexico’s economic development and transition to zero carbon resources.

“The ‘Regulation in New Mexico – How to Navigate a Dynamic Landscape’ seminar will provide a great platform for learning about the continually evolving regulatory environment in our state,” said

Commissioner Aguilera. “It’s an opportunity to foster a deeper understanding of the regulatory challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for the NMPRC. I’m excited to gain insights from legislators, public officials, utilities, and stakeholder representatives as we explore collaborative opportunities in shaping a brighter future for New Mexico.”

Other topics to be discussed at the seminar include:

- Administrative Rules: What Makes a Good One and Why Do We Need Them
- How to Conduct and Survive a Tough Cross Examination
- How and Why Settlement: How are They Reached and What Do They Mean in the Regulatory Context
- Mindfulness in Decision Making: Increasing Professionalism and Avoiding Burnout Through Thoughtful Response and Cultivating Presence
- Open Meetings Act Compliance for Adjudicatory Bodies
- Communicating Highly Technical Concepts to Non-Technical People
- Writing for Your Audience: How to Make Your Point with Different Readers
- Emerging Issues in Regulations
- The Role of NMPRC Staff in Regulation: Advisory and Advocacy
- Professionalism When Appearing in Front of Adjudicatory Bodies

More information about the seminar, including registration forms, an agenda, and a list of presenters, can be found [here](#).

An online copy of this press release can be found [here](#).

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

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