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## **NMPRC Issues Final Order in New Mexico Gas Company LNG Storage Facility Application**

**SANTA FE** – The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC) today voted unanimously to issue an order denying the application by New Mexico Gas Company (NMGC) for a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) to build and operate a liquified natural gas facility (LNG), which was proposed to be constructed on a 160-acre parcel of land that encompasses parts of southern Rio Rancho and northwest Bernalillo County.

At a special open meeting, the Commissioners agreed to adopt the Recommended Decision issued on February 21 with modifications. In doing so, the Commission determined the application should be denied because NMGC failed to establish that the project would yield a “net public benefit,” that NMGC adequately considered alternatives to the LNG Facility, or that the LNG Facility is the most cost-effective among feasible alternatives.

Among the Commissioners’ concerns were that after reviewing the record, including a closer look at the costs and benefits of such a facility, this application did not show sufficient benefits to outweigh the costs. The New Mexico Public Utility Act requires public utilities to obtain a CCN before constructing or operating any new utility plant or system.

The parties in this case have the opportunity to appeal this decision.

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