

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

NINETEENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. F/S M-11-4 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: BRAD WINTER

1 MEMORIAL

2 URGING THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION (PRC) TO
3 ENCOURAGE THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS IN RATE
4 PROCEEDING NEGOTIATIONS.

5 WHEREAS, in June 2010 PNM requested a \$165 million annual rate
6 increase for New Mexico retail electric customers; and

7 WHEREAS, this request would have increased rates slightly over 20% on
8 average for all New Mexico customers; and

9 WHEREAS, the PRC granted base rate and fuel increases in 2008, 2009 and
10 2010 for a total of 44.5% over the past three years; and

11 WHEREAS, beyond the noted base rate increase, it is expected that PNM
12 will seek other increases through its fuel, energy efficiency and renewable
13 riders over the next two year period; and

14 WHEREAS, PNM has entered into a Stipulation with various parties to the
15 rate case. The Stipulation will moderate the proposed base rate increase to
16 about 10.8% over a three year period; and

17 WHEREAS, the negotiations that resulted in the Stipulation initially
18 included only PNM and one party in the rate case; and

19 WHEREAS, PNM later invited other parties to participate in the negotiations
20 but did not include all stakeholders in the rate case; and

21 WHEREAS, given the on-again, off-again negotiations with few participants,
22 the negotiations and resulting Stipulation were not resolved until nine months
23 after PNM made its initial request for a 20% rate increase.

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
25 ALBUQUERQUE:

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1 That the City Council urges the PRC to adopt rules and regulations that
2 encourage the early participation of all stakeholders in any future PNM rate
3 proceedings.

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