



State of New Mexico
House of Representatives
STATE CAPITOL
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The Honorable Valerie Espinoza, Chair (District 3)
The Honorable Karen Montoya, Vice-Chair (District 1)
The Honorable Patrick Lyons (District 2)
The Honorable Lynda Lovejoy (District 4)
The Honorable Sandy Jones (District 5)
New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
1120 Paseo de Peralta
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Chair Espinoza, Vice-Chair Montoya, and Commissioners Lyons, Lovejoy and Jones:

We are writing to support PNM's recent Application for Approval by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission for a Special Services Contract, and Advice Notice No. 528. The filing details PNM's proposed plan to meet the unique service requirements of Facebook, and it is important that our state demonstrates the ability to quickly take action and comes together to secure this critical new investment and economic opportunity that could benefit our citizens for years to come.

Nationally, New Mexico is a leader in renewable energy development, in large part driven by the PRC's regulatory leadership and PNM's significant investments in solar generation. The proposed Facebook facility is another opportunity for New Mexico to lead the way by approving the plan to power the data center with 100 percent renewable equivalent energy, a key condition for site selection. If New Mexico is chosen, Facebook will provide over \$250 million in capital investment for Phase 1 of the data center, which translates into 30 to 50 full-time data center jobs and 200-300 construction jobs. It is important to note that the project has the potential to reach six phases total, thereby creating additional new jobs and significant revenue for New Mexico.

Through economic impact studies, it is generally estimated that data center construction generates hundreds of millions of dollars in positive economic impact beyond the amount directly spent by the data center, and could ultimately support 4,000 to 5,000 jobs over time. Over 20 years, it is estimated that one large data center project could generate billions of dollars in positive economic impact, a tremendous benefit for a state like New Mexico, and its local economies.

As leaders, we must act and do all we can to support New Mexico's economic future and to support our community's bid to bring Facebook to New Mexico. We urge your timely approval of this plan. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

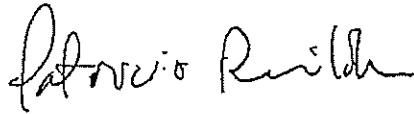
Respectfully,

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Kelly K. Fajardo (District 7 – Valencia County)
N.M. House of Representatives

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Patricio Ruiloba (District 12 - Bernalillo County)
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