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EMNRD unveils state's first Comprehensive Energy Transition Strategy

CETS is a roadmap for a sustainable, reliable, affordable clean energy future

SANTA FE, NM – The New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department today unveiled the state's first Comprehensive Energy Transition Strategy (CETS) — a roadmap to ensure New Mexico can meet future energy demand and deliver on clean energy commitments enshrined into landmark laws during Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's administration.

"With CETS, we have created a forward-thinking strategy that recognizes that reliability, economic development, affordability and emissions reductions are not competing priorities," said **EMNRD Acting Secretary Erin Taylor**. "They are mutually reinforcing goals that position New Mexico to remain an energy leader while building a stronger, more resilient future for generations to come."

The opportunities for action in CETS are organized around five strategic levers, each addressing a distinct dimension of New Mexico's energy transition:

- Build and modernize the grid to deliver clean power
- Ensure adequate electricity supply
- Manage electricity demand and improve efficiency
- Support the workforce for New Mexico's energy transition
- Expand New Mexico's energy data infrastructure.

The strategy lays out 34 distinct opportunities, grouped by lever, that legislators and policy makers can act on to drive New Mexico's energy ambitions forward.

"CETS offers a menu of bold actions that we invite New Mexico's decisionmakers to pick from," said Taylor.

The menu includes:

- Strategies for serving large new electricity loads, including from data centers, in ways that protect existing electricity customers.
- A plan to remove remaining statutory barriers to commercial-scale next-generation geothermal development.

- A proposed framework for creating virtual power plants in the state, turning things like batteries and smart thermostats into reliable grid resources that lower energy costs and support electric reliability.
- A long-term plan for a first-in-kind statewide energy data platform, currently available as a prototype at detectnm.com.

The full strategy is available on the EMNRD website at www.emnrd.nm.gov/officeofsecretary/nmcets.

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