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Commissioner Aguilera recognized for strong leadership, named co-chair of regional collaboration

SANTA FE – Beginning his third year on the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC), Commissioner Gabriel Aguilera has been productive during the first months of 2025, including appearances at multiple energy conferences across the country, earning recognition for his leadership skills, and an appointment to a top position of a western regional energy collaboration.

In February, Commissioner Aguilera was among nine individuals honored for outstanding leadership by Hispanics in Energy, a nonprofit organization that celebrates Hispanic representation in the country's energy industry, during a summit February 26-27 in Washington, D.C. The summit consisted of panel discussions on topics affecting the country's energy industry and the vital role Hispanics could play in its future success.

"I'm proud to represent New Mexicans as a state regulator, and I appreciate the efforts of the Hispanics in Energy organization to encourage Hispanics to enter the energy industry," said Commissioner Aguilera.

In March, Commissioner Aguilera was named co-chair of the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation (CREPC) and co-chair of the CREPC Transmission Collaborative. CREPC is a joint committee of the Western Interstate Energy Board and the Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners. It's composed of an energy office official and a regulatory utility commissioner from each of the 11 western states and two Canadian provinces, focusing on electric power system policy issues that require regional cooperation in the West. During the CREPC conference in San Diego in March, Commissioner Aguilera led a conversation with FERC Chairman Mark Christie on state and federal roles in energy regulation.

Since being appointed to the Commission in December 2022, Commissioner Aguilera has taken a lead on many of the agency's initiatives in support of the public interest, including electric utility participation in regional markets. Outside of the Commission, he serves as the chair of the Body of State Regulators for the Western

Energy Imbalance Market and Extended Day-Ahead Market, as well as a member of the Markets+ States Committee concerning the Markets+ regional day-ahead market.

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