

25 Organizations File Joint-Petition Requesting PRC Investigation Into PNM's Planned Purchase of Expiring Nuclear Leases

On the 49th Annual Earth Day, New Mexico organizations representing thousands of constituents statewide petitioned the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission to initiate a formal expedited investigation into PNM's planned purchase of its expiring leases at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station ("Palo Verde") Unit 1 and Unit 2 in 2023 and 2024, respectively, for which it must provide irrevocable notice to the lessors by January 15, 2020 and January 15, 2021, respectively.\

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I. Joint Petitioners Many of the Petitioner Organizations, and their constituent members, are retail service customers of PNM and are affected by PNM's retail service rates. Other Petitioner Organizations, and their constituent members, are organized to oppose uranium mining, milling and the generation of nuclear electricity, and/or are consumer advocates and care about PNM's continuously rising electric rates, and/or are advocates of clean renewable energy and/or are or have been or will be impacted by pollution, toxic contamination and radioactive waste

- a. **Daniel Earnest Tso**, Navajo Nation Council Delegate
- b. **New Energy Economy**: was founded in 2004 to build a renewable energy future for the health, environment, and economy of New Mexico.
- c. **Citizens for Fair Rates and the Environment (CFRE)**: is a Silver City-based association of PNM ratepayers advocating for a speedy transition to environmentally sane renewable energy resources at fair market rates (i.e., rates that are just and reasonable for ratepayers).
- d. The **Climate Change Leadership Institute (CCLI)**: is a non profit organization dedicated to phasing out greenhouse gas emissions and empowering community through the ethics of conservation, the adoption of clean energy and the act of taking responsibility as a civil society.
- e. **Concerned Citizens of Wagon Mound & Mora County**: is an organization that has spent over 19 years educating, organizing and bringing meaningful participation and legal action into waste, water rights, and oil and gas issues in Mora County. The organization also works on food justice issues coordinating a community garden and a farm-to-table project in the Wagon Mound Public Schools.

- f. **Dooda (NO) Desert Rock:** is a grassroots advocacy organization that opposed the construction of a large mine-mouth, coal-fired power plant on the Navajo Reservation near Shiprock and the Four Corners. “Dooda” means “no” or “absolutely not” in Navajo. Since the successful opposition to *that* plant the organization works to block extractive industry initiatives that violate the rights of Mother Earth, all living creatures, the environment and the Five Fingered Peoples. The organization mobilizes and educates Navajos and their supporters to protect the environment.
- g. **Earth Care:** is an organization dedicated to educating and empowering youth and families in northern New Mexico to create healthy, just, and sustainable communities.
- h. **Food & Water Watch:** is an advocacy organization that uses scientific research to promote the grassroots movement to protect our drinking water and environment.
- i. **[Hispano Round Table de Nuevo México](#):** seeks advancement of education, employment, economic development, environmental justice, civil rights, and social justice for Hispanic Americans.
- j. **Honor Our Pueblo Existence (HOPE):** is a community-based organization located at Santa Clara Pueblo that addresses environmental and health issues and promotes sustainability and traditional life ways.
- k. **Honor the Earth:** is a twenty-year old organization dedicated to creating awareness and support for Native environmental issues and developing needed financial and political resources for the survival of sustainable Native communities.
- l. **Indigenous Life Ways, Inc.:** is an indigenous-focused organization that facilitates opportunities for individuals and community groups to utilize traditional knowledge, ceremonies, and a deep understanding of our communities to continue the preservation of indigenous culture and our sacred sites; engages proactively toward climate adaptation; cultivates sustainable development; and builds individual and community capacity.
- m. The **Institute for Local Self-Reliance:** is an organization that supports the creation of economic systems that embody democratic values. The organization’s [Energy Democracy](#) program works to expand clean, dispersed energy generation and increase local ownership.
- n. The **League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)** is the oldest surviving Latino civil rights organization in the U.S. It was established on February 17, 1929, in [Corpus Christi, Texas](#), largely by [Hispanic](#) veterans of World War I who sought to end ethnic [discrimination](#) against Latinos in the United States. LULAC has active councils in many states, and a professional staff, including in New Mexico. The Board of LULAC supports this litigation.

- o. **Los Jardines Institute:** Spanning 70 years of combined organizing experience in New Mexico, nationally and internationally, the Institute provides opportunities for social, environmental and economic justice organizing, and education. Los Jardines is committed to building a multi-cultural, multi-generational movement and privileges traditional, land-based ways of knowing in the places where we “live, work, play, pray, and go to school.”
- p. **Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment (MASE):** is an organization representing uranium impacted communities in New Mexico, that works to restore and protect the natural and cultural environment and to develop and strengthen sustainable ways of working and living that promote public health and well being.
- q. **Physicians for Social Responsibility-NM:** is a chapter of the largest physician-led organization (50,000 members nationwide) working to protect the public from threats of nuclear proliferation, climate change, environmental toxins, and other threats to global survival.
- r. **Renewable Taos:** is a grassroots organization dedicated to promoting and facilitating a full transition to renewable energy and energy efficiency in Taos County and our surrounding region.
- s. **Retake Our Democracy:** is an all volunteer, 501-c-4 organization whose goal is to make it easier for people to effectively raise their voices, to advocate for social, racial, economic, gender, and climate justice, and to advocate for legislation, policies, and candidates who place people and the planet over profit.
- t. **Rio Arriba Concerned Citizens (RACC):** is an entirely grassroots volunteer effort. The organization’s mission is to protect the public health, land, air, and water of the Rio Chama Watershed, Rio Arriba County, and the State of New Mexico, and to promote sustainable development through education, collaborative planning, job creation, and community involvement. RACC joins this joint petition opposing PNM’s purchase of Palo Verde nuclear leases on the basis that ratepayers will be put at risk for significant debt for decommissioning. Further, nuclear energy, with burgeoning waste disposal risk, still not solved for more than 40 years, poses significant potential threats and outsized burdens to ratepayers.
- u. **Securing Economic and Energy Democracy (SEED)** of Southwest New Mexico: is an organization that works to create regional economic and environmental security, justice and resilience by controlling and generating renewable energy and maintaining a cleaner, greener region.

- v. The **Southwest Indigenous Uranium Forum (SIUF)**: is made up of members primarily from the Navajo, Havasupai, Zuni, Yaqui, Dakota Sioux, Ute, and Hopi Tribes and Laguna and Acoma Pueblos and is focused on the environmental and health impacts of uranium development in the Grants Mineral Belt on indigenous peoples. SIUF promotes the wise and practical uses of renewable energy such as solar, wind, and tidal and the pursuit of soft energy paths and applications based on traditional ecological knowledge and practices.
- w. **Student Advocacy Union NM**: is a youth organization that brings high school students from around Santa Fe and surrounding areas together to share, discuss, and organize around issues like climate change, immigration rights, and gun control.
- x. **Taos United/Taoseños Unidos**: is a non-partisan, nonprofit organization of 520 local community activists working for a fair and just democracy, human rights, environmental stewardship and the welfare of our community.
- y. **Tewa Women United**: is a collective of tribal women in the Tewa homelands of Northern New Mexico dedicated to the promotion of educational, social and benevolent purposes, especially for ending violence against Native Women, Mother Earth, and to promote peace in New Mexico.
- z. **WildEarth Guardians**: is an advocacy organization that protects and restores the wildlife, wild places, wild rivers, and health of the American West.