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**A RESOLUTION OF SANTA FE COUNTY REQUESTING THE PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION (PRC) OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO PROTECT NEW MEXICO CONSUMERS OF PROPANE AS MANDATED BY SENATE BILL 468, SIGNED BY GOVERNOR BILL RICHARDSON IN 2009**

**WHEREAS**, rising fuel costs across the county are of increasing concern to the public, especially low-income persons in rural areas of New Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, many low-income persons in the rural areas depend on propane gas as an energy source to heat their homes in the winter; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary those New Mexicans who are most vulnerable to the high cost of fuel be protected; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2009 Legislature and Governor Richardson, with the passage and signing of Senate Bill 468, instructed the PRC to adopt rules and regulations to protect propane customers; and

**WHEREAS**, oversight of rules and regulations of the propane gas industry by PRC would ensure that New Mexicans, particularly low-income New Mexicans, are paying fair prices for propane gas and services; and

**WHEREAS**, oversight of the propane gas industry by the PRC should establish transparency in billing and services provided to New Mexicans, particularly low-income New Mexicans, as a component of rules and regulations adopted by the PRC.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County is asking that the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission adopt rules and regulation to protect consumers of propane gas in New Mexico.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ) ss PAGES: 2

I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 10TH Day Of June, 2010 at 09:07:16 AM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1601125 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

Deputy  ) ss Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office Valerie Espinoza County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the rules and regulations include the following:

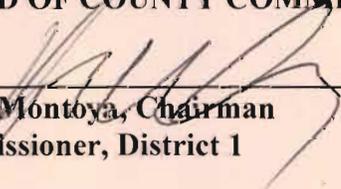
- A. Rules and regulations that establish transparency in billing and services provided to propane consumers by their dealers;
- B. Rules and regulations that provide services for consumers during emergencies;
- C. Provisions to protect consumers who qualify for LIHEAP and the Winter Moratorium;
- D. Establishment of standardized Budget Plans;
- E. Adoption of a New Mexico Consumer Bill of Right to be distributed to consumers when they begin service with a dealership, and to all consumers on a bi-annual basis. This Bill of Rights should contain information that provides transparency in billing;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Public Regulation Commission adopts rules and regulations by October 1, 2010.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairman of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 8th DAY OF JUNE 2010.**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

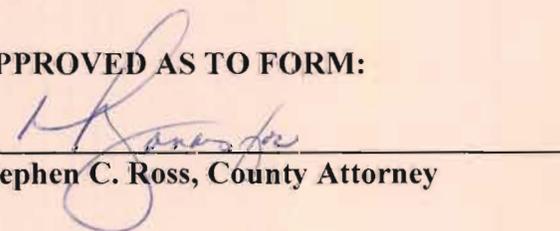
  
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 Harry Montoya, Chairman  
 Commissioner, District 1



**ATTEST:**

  
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 Valerie Espinoza, County Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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 Stephen C. Ross, County Attorney