

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 117**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT SANTA FE COUNTY IS COMMITTED TO  
EDUCATING THE CITIZENS OF SANTA FE COUNTY ABOUT ENERGY  
EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS OFFERED BY PUBLIC UTILITIES AND DIRECTING  
STAFF TO WORK WITH PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO (PNM)  
AND OTHER PUBLIC UTILITIES TO PROMOTE  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County (County) made a commitment to energy efficiency in the 2010 Sustainable Growth Management Plan;

**WHEREAS**, the County acted on that commitment when, in 2011, it created the Office of Solar Power and Energy Efficiency to promote energy efficiency measures and renewable energy technologies;

**WHEREAS**, the County is mindful of protecting New Mexico's environment through energy efficiency;

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, with the adoption of the Efficient Use of Energy Act (Act), NMSA 1978, § 62-17-1 et seq., public utilities were required to promote energy efficiency in New Mexico;

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the Act, PNM has offered business and residential customers energy efficiency programs since 2007, which are intended to reduce energy consumption by customers;

**WHEREAS**, other public utilities such as New Mexico Gas Company have also developed energy efficiency programs which are available to Santa Fe County residents;

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County has opportunities to expand the number of business and residential customers taking advantage of energy efficiency programs such as those offered by PNM and New Mexico Gas Company;

**WHEREAS**, PNM offers residential programs including:

1. Refrigerator recycling rebates;
2. Home energy checkups, where customers receive a home energy assessment, receive products and a personalized energy usage report that can help start energy savings and qualify for rebates; and
3. Cooling and heat pump rebates that reduce the cost for the purchase and installation of certain home energy efficient cooling equipment;

**WHEREAS**, PNM offers the PNM HomeWorks Program, a school-based energy education program, for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families to teach good energy habits and provide take-home free energy saving kits;

**WHEREAS**, PNM offers energy efficiency programs dedicated to low income customers including the easy savings kit program, free refrigerator and free home energy checkups, and a weatherization assistance program through the New Mexico Mortgage Authority (MFA);

**WHEREAS**, PNM business customers may be able to reduce energy use by utilizing the following PNM programs:

1. Retrofit rebates for various custom energy efficiency measures including lighting and controls, heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), motors and controls, building envelope, grocery refrigeration and food service equipment; and
2. QUICK SAVER small business program rebates which cover a majority of the installed cost of energy efficient lighting and refrigeration upgrades, and new construction rebates for construction of new energy efficient facilities;

**WHEREAS**, nonprofit business customers can apply to PNM for "Reduce Your Use" grants funded by PNM Resources Foundation in amounts up to \$5,000, to make a nonprofit facility more energy efficient;

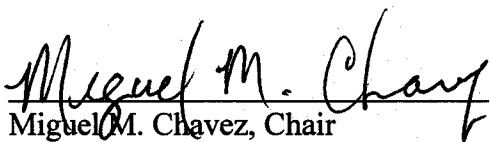
**WHEREAS**, New Mexico Gas Company offers rebate programs to customers installing low flow shower heads, adding insulation to their homes, installing energy efficient water heaters, and installing energy efficient furnaces;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County is committed to educating the citizens of Santa Fe County about the many opportunities offered by PNM and other public utilities to their customers to assist customers in saving energy.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Santa Fe County commits to work with PNM, New Mexico Gas Company, and other public utilities to promote energy efficiency education in Santa Fe County.

**PASSES, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2016.**

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Miguel M. Chavez, Chair

ATTEST:

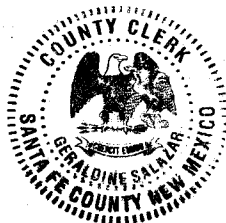
*Geraldine Salazar*  
Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk 10-11-2016



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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Gregory S. Shaffer*  
Fu Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney



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Deputy *Laura Hernandez* Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office  
Geraldine Salazar  
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM