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The Honorable John Pinto
Co-Chair Indian Affairs Committee
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Dear Representative Jeff and Senator Pinto:

I am writing on behalf of Commissioner Theresa Becenti-Aguilar to thank you for your invitation to speak at meeting of the Indian Affairs Committee at Ohkay Owingeh on August 19, 2013. While Commissioner Becenti-Aguilar sincerely appreciates your desire to include her in the panel discussion concerning right of way issues in the Jemez Mountain Electrical Cooperative service area, she must respectfully decline that invitation.

There are currently pending before the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission several active cases involving issues concerning the rates and rate riders related to Jemez Mountain Electrical Cooperative rights of way. Due to the active nature of these cases it would not be prudent for Commissioner Becenti-Aguilar to engage in public discussion or comment on such issues in a forum outside of the Public Regulation Commission.

Commissioner Becenti-Aguilar has asked me to express to you her willingness and desire to participate in future meeting discussions on matters that do not involve active matters before the Commission.

Again, Commissioner Becenti-Aguilar thanks you for the invitation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may assist you in any way.

Sincerely,



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