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Recap: PNM media briefing on weather event and Public Safety Power Shutoff in the East Mountains

(Albuquerque, NM) – Today, PNM hosted a virtual media briefing on the extreme wind and weather event forecasted on March 6 in the Santa Fe, East Mountains, and Las Vegas areas which could increase the risk of wildfires and weather-related outages.

PNM stated on this briefing that in order to keep our customers, communities, and employees safe from the threat of wildfire caused by electrical equipment, PNM is implementing a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) in the East Mountains area at 12 p.m. today, March 6. However, because weather and other factors have shifted, a PSPS is now estimated to be implemented at 1 p.m. today, March 6, unless weather and fire risk conditions improve. PNM will continue to monitor real-time conditions. We are advising customers in the East Mountains to plan for an extended power outage through the night.

A PSPS is not planned for the Santa Fe and Las Vegas areas. However, due to elevated fire risk PNM has changed system settings to not automatically re-energize tripped lines when there is a fault. This would require crews to visually inspect lines for damage before power can be restored, which would result in longer-duration outages.

Weather-related outages may occur throughout the PNM service area. Be prepared for extended, weather-related outages. Please report your outage at [PNM.com/outage](https://www.pnm.com/outage) or by texting #REG to 78766 and then #OUT to 78766.

View power outage boundaries and outage status at [PNM.com/outagemap](https://www.pnm.com/outagemap). Stay informed with outage alerts by texting #REG to 78766 and then #ALERT to 78766 from a phone associated with your PNM account. Visit [PNM.com/wildfire-safety](https://www.pnm.com/wildfire-safety) for more information.

FOR MEDIA ONLY: A recording of the media briefing can [be found here](#).

FOR MEDIA ONLY: PNM will communicate the next media update in a future alert.

Speakers:

- PNM representatives who spoke on the briefing are:
 - Jeff Buell – Director of Corporate Communications
 - Mike Mertz – Senior Vice President of Operations
 - Omni Warner – Vice President of New Mexico Operations and Engineering
- Other representatives who spoke on the briefing are:
 - Major General Miguel Aguilar, Adjutant General for the State of New Mexico and Acting Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

- Thomas Walmsley, Bernalillo County Emergency Management Director
- Alie Rye, New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

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