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The New Mexico Business Coalition (NMBC) calls out the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC), again, for violations of the NM Open Meetings Act.

(Albuquerque) The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC) called a special meeting on June 28, 2022 specifically to go into closed door deliberations regarding PNM's abandonment of San Juan Generating Station Units 1 and 4, which is yet another violation of the Open Meetings Act. It did this without disclosure of the hearing examiner's recommended decision or any of the parties' exceptions to that recommend a decision which further illustrates a lack of due process.

NMBC President Carla Sonntag said, "The NMPRC's closed door meeting shows a deliberate disregard for transparency and adherence to the Open Meetings Act. The excuse of secret deliberations to avoid a potential lawsuit could be used by any governmental organization, but it is the decision that often prompts lawsuits not how they arrive at it." Sonntag added, "Every citizen should be outraged by any governmental agency operating like a secret cabal. There is a reason that the Open Meetings Act was passed into law and no agency should be above the law in its operations."

NMBC previously filed two complaints with the NM Attorney General's office regarding violations of the NM Open Meetings Act by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission and is awaiting the outcome of investigations into these complaints.

New Mexico Business Coalition (NMBC) is a statewide, nonpartisan, grassroots organization that focuses on improving the business environment for companies and the quality of life for all New Mexicans. We pursue policy that will allow companies to operate profitably and create jobs. For more information, please visit our website at www.nmbizcoalition.org.