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New Mexico Public Regulation Commission welcomes Cholla Khoury as new Chief of Staff

SANTA FE, N.M. — The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) is excited to welcome Cholla Khoury as its new chief of staff. She assumed the role on February 20.

“I’m honored to be asked by the commissioners to join their team and look forward to continuing to serve the people of New Mexico during this exciting time in our energy future,” said Khoury.

Khoury most recently served as chief deputy attorney general for civil affairs and as director of Consumer and Environment Protection Division at the Office of the New Mexico Attorney General (OAG), where she became well established in administrative law and, specifically, energy and utilities law, representing both the state and utility ratepayers, while balancing the interests of diverse stakeholders and building coalitions.

As part of her role as chief of staff, Khoury will provide administrative oversight of the PRC’s mission and goals, including the supervision of division directors and other key members of the agency’s staff. The position also gives recommendations to commissioners, directs administrative activities for agency divisions, contributes to the management of agency budgets, and is responsible for final decisions in agency personnel matters.

“I am delighted that Cholla Khoury is joining the PRC as chief of staff,” said Commissioner Patrick O’Connell. “She is a dedicated public servant and excels at bringing people together to make progress on complicated issues.”

“Cholla Khoury is a consensus builder and a problem solver,” said Commissioner Gabriel Aguilera. “She brings essential leadership and state government experience to help our agency move forward. I am thrilled to have her as chief of staff.”

“We’re fortunate to have Ms. Khoury as part of our team,” said Commissioner James F. Ellison. “I’m confident that together we will make significant strides towards making the Public Regulation Commission a more responsive and proactive organization.”

Prior to her most recent positions at the OAG, Khoury served as assistant attorney general in the Water, Environment and Utilities Division at the agency. In that role, she was responsible for protecting consumer and state interests in PRC proceedings, including those related to rate cases, mergers, certificates of convenience and necessity, and power plant abandonment. She also developed a comprehensive utility litigation plan that set policy goals, criteria for intervention, and resource dedication for utility-related matters.

Khoury holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Briar Cliff University in Iowa and a Juris Doctor degree from Drake University Law School in Iowa.

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