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The Honorable Rob Black
Cabinet Secretary
New Mexico Economic Development Department
1100 S. St. Francis Drive
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Via Email: rob.black@edd.nm.gov

RE: Request for Section 62-6-26(F) Economic Development Certification Letter: 345 kV
Transmission

Dear Secretary Black,

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 62-6-26(F), Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) requests from your department a certification letter to include with an application to the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CCN). The CCN application, in compliance with NMSA 1978, Section 62-9-1, will seek approval to construct, own and operate high-voltage transmission lines that will enable new economic development at sites across much of Albuquerque ("345 kV Transmission Project").

The 345 kV Transmission Project will entail: 1) a new 345kV line connecting the Rio Puerco substation in Sandoval County to the Pajarito substation in Bernalillo County (about 28 miles); 2) a half-mile line to complete termination of the existing Pajarito-Prosperity transmission conductor; and 3) loop the existing Prosperity-Sandia 345kV line into the Prosperity switchyard. The project will also add six 345 kV breakers and a 345-115kV transformer in the Prosperity anchor substation.

In addition to increasing capacity for economic development loads at sites in Upper Petroglyphs (Westside Albuquerque) and Mesa del Sol (southeast Albuquerque), the 345 kV Transmission Project will improve system reliability, prepare the system to transition to emissions-free generation and enable future advanced-conductor rebuilds within the Albuquerque metro area. What's more, the Rio Puerco-Pajarito line will serve as a building block for accessing western energy markets, when combined with future transmission projects outlined in PNM's 20-year Transmission Outlook.

We invite your questions and are prepared to discuss the merits of this project. Following the public's opportunity to comment on the proposed 345 kV Transmission Project, we at PNM hope you will certify that it will, indeed, support reasonably anticipated economic development as described in Section 62-6-26(F). We believe this project, in conjunction with others, will play a part in improving the lives of New Mexico families by increasing economic opportunities and providing a place for businesses to thrive.

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Sincerely,

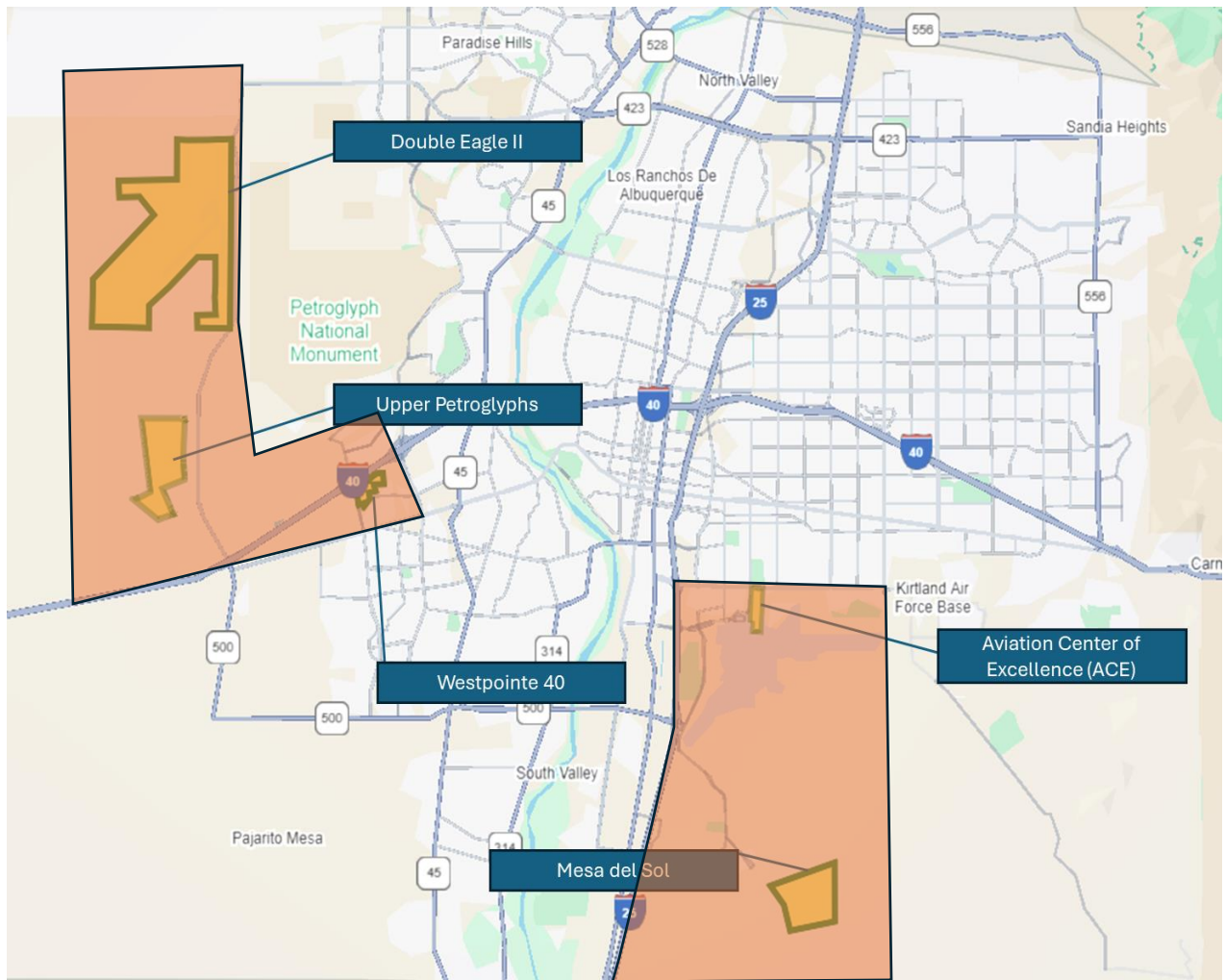
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EXHIBIT A

Areas of Reasonably Anticipated Economic Development: Westside and Southeast Albuquerque



Region Name	Currently Available Capacity	Available Capacity after Proposed Improvements, Generation Resources Permitting; Additional Site-Specific Facilities Required
Westside Albuquerque	36 MW	841 MW
Southeast Albuquerque	49 MW	412 MW

EXHIBIT B

Illustration of Proposed Improvements

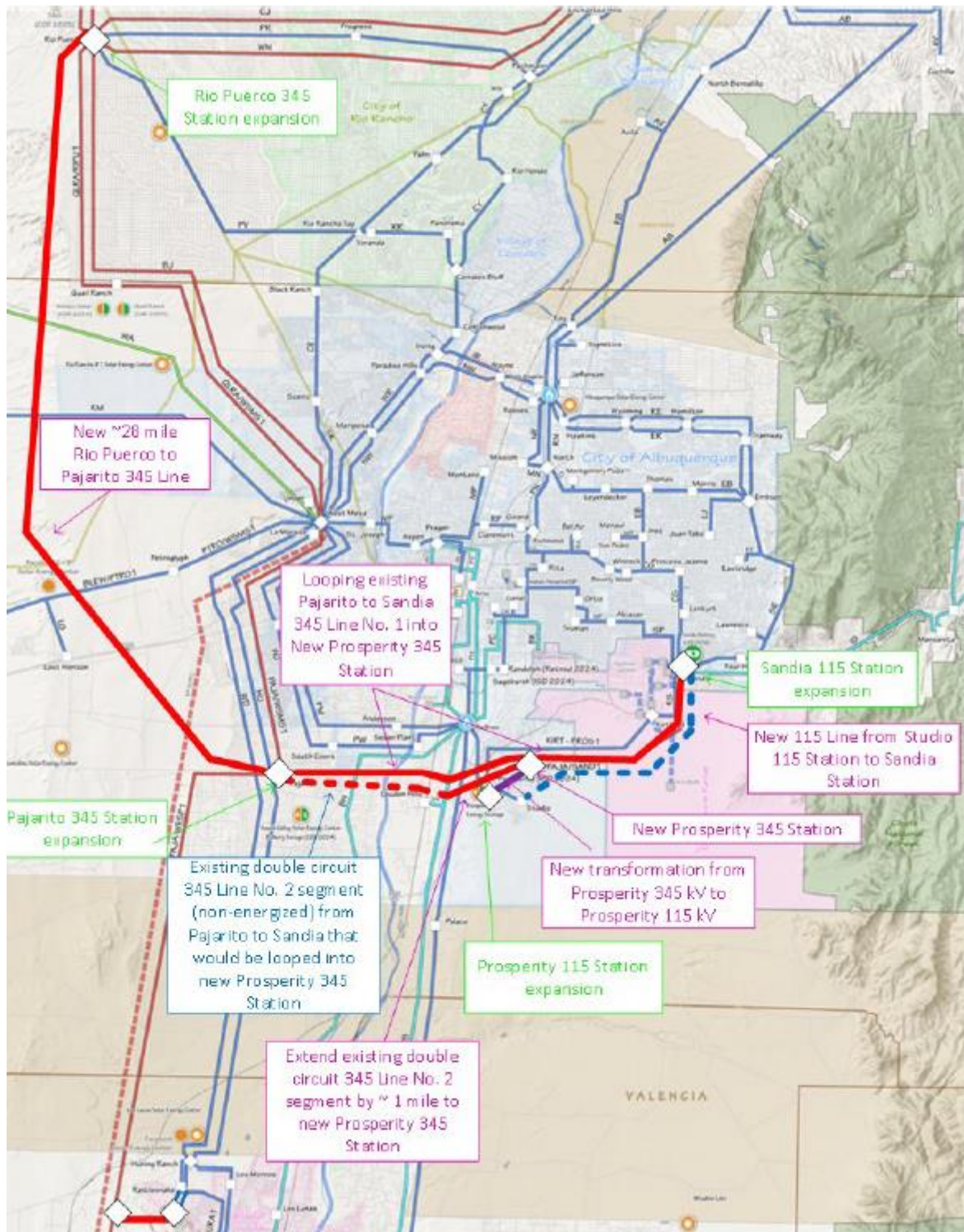


EXHIBIT C**Past Economic Development Projects that Considered Sites to be Impacted by Proposed Improvements**

Aviation Center of Excellence (ACE)		
Project Name	Load Type	Maximum Potential Load (MW)
Oasis	Data Center	150
Orion	Manufacturing - Aerospace Vehicles	134
Oasis 2.0	Data Center	100
Watermelon	Data Center	30
Lumen	Research, Manufacturing	8
Sunshine	Manufacturing - Glass for Solar Panels	7.5
Universal Hydrogen	Manufacturing - Aviation Hydrogen Capsules	7.5

Double Eagle II		
Project Name	Load Type	Maximum Potential Load (MW)
Strider/Thor	Manufacturing	15
Jane	Manufacturing - Aviation (eVTOL)	10
Eclipse	Manufacturing - Solar Cells and Panels	7.2
SkyWest	Film Studio	5
Surge	Manufacturing - Electric Vehicles	1

Mesa del Sol		
Project Name	Load Type	Maximum Potential Load (MW)
Margarita	Data Center	500
A	Manufacturing - Heavy Metal	320
Jukebox	Data Center	300
Epsilon	Manufacturing - EVs	250
Phi	Manufacturing - EVs	250
Picaros	Data Center	200
Apollo	Manufacturing - Solar Cells and Panels	150
New Continent	Manufacturing - Silicon Ingots and Wafers	150
Ocean	Manufacturing - Electrical Equipment, Appliance,	105
Bumblebee	Data Center	100
Hickory	Manufacturing - Hydrogen-related Equipment	100
Ecosphere	Manufacturing - Batteries	64
Garnet	Manufacturing - Semiconductors	54
Golden Eagle	Manufacturing - Solar Cells and Panels	47
Independence	Manufacturing - Batteries	30
Skani	Manufacturing - Semiconductors	30
Strider/Thor	Manufacturing	15
Callisto	Manufacturing - Plastics	7.5
Sunshine	Manufacturing - Glass for Solar Panels	7.5
Eclipse	Manufacturing - Solar Cells and Panels	7.2
Seehorn	Manufacturing - Hydrogen	7.1
Rose	Manufacturing - Furniture	6
Japan	Manufacturing - Food	3
Storm	Manufacturing - Hydrogen Electrolyzers, Fueling	2
J Foods	Manufacturing - Food	1
Zumba	Manufacturing	1

EXHIBIT C, cont.

Upper Petroglyphs		
Project Name	Load Type	Maximum Potential Load (MW)
Hang Ten	Data Center	780
H & H	Data Center	660
Margarita	Data Center	500
Phi	Manufacturing - EVs	250
Apollo	Manufacturing - Solar Cells and Panels	150
Hickory	Manufacturing - Hydrogen-related Equipment	100
USA	Manufacturing - Energy Storage Systems	45
Avenue	Data Center	20
Lightning Bolt	Manufacturing - Solar Cells and Solar Panels	20
TradePort	EV Charging	8
Eclipse	Manufacturing - Solar Cells and Panels	7.2
Mango	Manufacturing - EV Minerals	5
Wonder	Warehousing and Transportation	4
J Foods	Manufacturing - Food	1
Rubicon	Manufacturing - Food	1

Westpointe 40		
Project Name	Load Type	Maximum Potential Load (MW)
USA	Manufacturing - Energy Storage Systems	45
Avenue	Data Center	20
Opie	Data Center	16.4
Callisto	Manufacturing - Plastics	7.5
Eclipse	Manufacturing - Solar Cells and Panels	7.2
Seehorn	Manufacturing - Hydrogen	7.1
Rose	Manufacturing - Furniture	6
Pioneer	Manufacturing - Renewable Energy	5
Japan	Manufacturing - Food	3
Helix	Manufacturing - Polymers	2
Storm	Manufacturing - Hydrogen Electrolyzers, Fueling	2
Chase	Warehousing and Transportation	1.25
J Foods	Manufacturing - Food	1
Rubicon	Manufacturing - Food	1
Singularity	Manufacturing - Precision Machining	1
Surge	Manufacturing - Electric Vehicles	1

These tables include economic development projects originally sourced 2021-2024 from state, regional, and local economic development organizations in PNM's service territory. Projects considering multiple sites may appear more than once.