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New Mexico Selected by National Governors Association for Policy Academy to Modernize Electric Grid

SANTA FE: Today the National Governors Association (NGA) announced New Mexico as one of four states competitively selected to partner on a policy retreat to modernize electric power grids. NGA's Center for Best Practices' State Grid Modernization Retreat will address topics such as clean energy integration and electric vehicle charging networks, electrifying the heating sector, and improving electric system resilience. New Mexico was selected alongside Maryland, New Jersey, and Rhode Island.

"I'm honored that New Mexico was selected for this competitive opportunity with the National Governors Association," said Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) Cabinet Secretary Sarah Cottrell Propst. "EMNRD currently has great technical expertise and NGA's support will allow us to achieve our state's ambitious clean energy goals quickly and effectively."

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham has designated EMNRD Cabinet Secretary Cottrell Propst as New Mexico's team leader. Moving forward, NGA will work with each state's team leader to advance one or more grid modernization objectives proposed by their governors. Each state will convene stakeholders to develop an action plan on how best to advance the grid modernization policy objectives identified.

NGA is a nonpartisan organization that facilitates the nation's 55 governors sharing best practices and addressing issues of national and state interest. The retreat is made possible through a cooperative agreement between NGA and the US Department of Energy (DOE). DOE is providing financial support and technical assistance.

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