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New Mexico Economic Development Department
Small Business Regulatory Advisory Commission
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Request for Comments on Proposed Rule 19.25.16 NMAC: Regional Water Security Planning

Dear Chairperson and Members of the Small Business Regulatory Advisory Commission:

As Director of the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission (NMISC), I submit the attached Proposed Rule, **19.25.16 NMAC: Regional Water Security Planning**, to the Small Business Regulatory Advisory Commission ("Commission") in accordance with NMSA 1978, Section 14-4A-4 of the Small Business Regulatory Relief Act ("Act").

The purpose of Proposed New Rule 19.25.16 NMAC is to establish a framework for Regional Water Security Planning Councils to develop, maintain, and aid in implementation and tracking of Regional Water Security Plans. This framework will be grounded in regional values, scientific consensus, and New Mexico water law. The processes outlined in this Rule are intended to: ensure that the Plans will be based on the best available science, data, and models regarding available water supplies, use, and trends; provide transparency and opportunities for meaningful input and participation by the public and Nations, Pueblos, and Tribes within each Regional Water Security Planning Region; acknowledge the sovereignty, water rights, and water needs of tribal communities; consider public welfare and the needs of future generations of New Mexicans; align with state and federal laws; and identify and prioritize Projects, Programs, and Policies that will help to ensure water security into the future.

NMISC staff have determined that there are no adverse effects or burdensome impacts on small businesses in New Mexico, as the proposed rule is for statewide adoption and provides robust regional participation for future planning and recommended projects. Please provide any written comments or concerns regarding the proposed rule no later than July 31, 2025.

Sincerely,

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Hannah Riseley-White, Director
New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission

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