

# Jason Marks - PRC Commissioner Dist 1

## Highlights from 2005 thru 2007

### Telephone Services (Qwest)

Sponsored and Passed New 3-year regulatory plan for Qwest (2007 thru 2010)

- Prices FROZEN for basic residential and basic business services
- Prices FROZEN for “Public interest” add-on services (e.g., caller ID, call-blocking)
- Prices for all other service to increase by no more than rate of inflation
- Trouble Isolation Charge (TIC) - the \$85 call-out/diagnosis fee - PROHIBITED
- Qwest given more flexibility to price and promote more like a normal competitive company (as long as they stay within price caps)

Held Qwest fully accountable for Investment Shortfall and Other Past Violations

- Qwest ordered to make up \$224 million investment shortfall with \$255 million new investment plan with designated projects and strict enforcement provisions
- Qwest required to pay \$22 million in customer bill credits - over \$30 per line!

Preserved the 505 Area Code for the Albuquerque metropolitan area and Santa Fe

### Energy and the Environment

- Sponsored and passed Renewable Energy Rules with targets for large scale solar energy and distributed generation
- Sponsored and passed rules requiring utilities to use standardized prices for carbon-dioxide (greenhouse gas) emissions in their long range resource planning
- Initiated rulemaking that increased New Mexico’s net-metering limit for customer owned renewable generation from 10 kilowatts to 82 megawatts, the highest in the nation

### Restoring Respect and Integrity to the PRC

- Ended unethical practices in the PRC’s Insurance Division, removed former Insurance Superintendent Eric Serna and his chief deputy
- Brought professionalism, integrity, and a strong work ethic to the PRC, putting an end to personality disputes and questionable practices. Elected to 3 terms as Vice-Chair
- Corporations Bureau processing time reduced from 2 weeks to 3 days.

### Protecting Consumers from Rate Increases and Unfair Practices

- Reduced PNM Gas rate increase by more than 50%
- Cut Albuquerque Ambulance 2006 rate increase request by \$700,000
- Refunded \$240,000 to customers in Clovis water rate case
- Insisted on effective enforcement against regulated companies ripping off consumers
- Fought for lower title insurance rates and elimination of legislative loophole protecting title insurers from paying claims