

No Significant Public Purposes Would Be Served by Underground Installation but Significant Public Purposes Would Be Served by Overhead Installation:

CompPlan Economic Development Goals and Policies

CompPlan Resilience & Sustainability Goals and Policies

- This application for a Waiver-DHO will make the Southeast Albuquerque metro area more competitive for attracting economic development projects, including the Sunport's business park properties and the Horn property in unincorporated BernCo.
- The requested Waiver-DHO will support economic development efforts that improve the quality of life for residents and foster a robust, resilient, and diverse economy in a timely manner.
- This application for a Waiver-DHO will minimize the time to begin construction of this feeder connection and interconnect with the existing distribution system by avoiding the NMPRC UGTAR process (9 – 12 months).
- This application for a Waiver-DHO will minimize the time to interconnect the new Prosperity Substation that will improve the reliability and resilience of the grid system in the Southeast Albuquerque metro area.
- The requested Waiver-DHO will facilitate the development of nearby employment growth in the Southeast Albuquerque metro area.
- This application for a Waiver-DHO will minimize conflicts with existing landscape along University Blvd.; trenching and boring for underground installation may damage root systems of mature trees.

CompPlan Infrastructure, Community Facilities & Services

- This application for a Waiver-DHO will minimize conflicts with other franchisees/utilities/services in the public right-of-way that would otherwise be exacerbated by trenching and boring for underground installation.
- This application for a Waiver-DHO will maximize the ability for joint use and colocations of other franchisees, such as internet, phone, and data providers, on PNM poles rather than underground installations that may create more conflicts (see above).

PNM Recommended Conditions of Approval:

1. PNM shall fully comply with all terms of the Franchise Agreement with the City of Albuquerque (O-2020-015) prior to any construction activities, including coordination with the Department of Municipal Development, the Parks and Recreation Department, the ABC Water Utility Authority, and all other franchisees located in the public right-of-way.
2. PNM shall coordinate with and obtain all necessary permits for any excavations, lane closures, and/or trail closures from the appropriate City Departments.
3. PNM shall adequately survey and “line spot” as necessary to avoid conflicts with any existing infrastructure lines and meet minimum separations as required by other utility providers and franchisees.
4. PNM shall minimize ground disturbance and avoid damaging any existing landscape along the distribution line corridor.
5. PNM shall restore any damaged landscape, sidewalk, street, and/or trail back to its pre-construction state.
6. PNM shall obtain “spot easements” adjacent to the public right-of-way as necessary.
7. PNM shall coordinate with the ABQ Sunport and submit all required FAA forms and receive all FAA clearances required for overhead installation of the distribution line.
8. PNM shall comply with all applicable Development Process Manual (DPM) technical standards.