



PNM Resources Announces 2012 Ongoing Earnings Guidance Range

Company to provide details during conference call today at 11 a.m. Eastern

2011 guidance affirmed

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- PNM Resources (NYSE: PNM) management today announced the company's 2012 ongoing earnings guidance range of \$1.20 to \$1.32 per diluted share.

The company will host a live conference call and Web cast today at **11 a.m. Eastern** to discuss the guidance range and provide company updates.

Investors and analysts can participate in the live conference call by dialing (877) 377-7098 or (631) 291-4547 (international calls) and referencing "the PNM Resources 2012 ongoing earnings guidance conference call." A telephone replay will be available at 2 p.m. Eastern until midnight Dec. 23 by dialing (855) 859-2056 or (404) 537-3406 and using confirmation code 30643604.

Supporting material for the conference call can be viewed and downloaded at <http://www.pnmresources.com/investors/results.cfm>.

Also today, management affirmed the company's 2011 consolidated ongoing earnings guidance range of \$1.00 to \$1.05 per diluted share.

Background:

PNM Resources (NYSE: PNM) is an energy holding company based in Albuquerque, N.M., with 2010 consolidated operating revenues of \$1.7 billion. Through its regulated utilities, PNM Resources has approximately 2,530 megawatts of generation capacity and serves electricity to more than 730,000 homes and businesses in New Mexico and Texas. For more information, visit the company's Web site at www.PNMResources.com.

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uncertainty surrounding the status of PNM's participation in jointly-owned generation projects resulting from the scheduled expiration of the operational documents for the projects beginning in 2016 and potential changes in the objectives of the participants in the projects; uncertainty regarding the requirements and related costs of decommissioning power plants owned or partially owned by PNM and coal mines supplying certain PNM power plants, as well as the ability to recover decommissioning costs from customers; financial and operational risks at PVNGS relating to any increased regulatory review and actions in response to the events at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant in Japan; the risk that recently enacted reliability standards regarding available transmission capacity may reduce certain PNM transmission rights used to transmit its generation resources and provide access to transmission customers resulting in a need to purchase additional transmission capacity, reduce sales of transmission capacity, or operate generation facilities less economically; the risks associated with completion of generation, transmission, distribution, and other projects, including construction delays and unanticipated cost overruns; the ability of PNM to successfully defend the utilization of a future test year in its electric rate filings with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("NMPRC"), including PNM's ability to withstand challenges by regulators and intervenors; the ability of PNM to meet the renewable energy requirements established by the NMPRC, including the resource diversity requirement, within the specified cost parameters; the risk that replacement power costs incurred by PNM related to not meeting the specified capacity factor for its generating units under its Emergency FPPAC will not be approved by the NMPRC; the risk that PNM may not be able to recover a portion of the increased costs of rights-of-way renewals on Native American lands through rates charged to transmission customers; conditions affecting the Company's ability to access the financial markets, including disruptions in the credit markets and actions by ratings agencies affecting the Company's credit ratings; the potential unavailability of cash from PNM Resources' subsidiaries due to regulatory, statutory, or contractual restrictions; the impacts of decreases in the values of marketable equity securities on the trust funds maintained to provide nuclear decommissioning funding and pension and other postretirement benefits, including the levels of funding and expense; the impacts of the true-up of the purchase price for the sale of First Choice Power to the actual amounts of certain components of working capital at closing; changes in the Electric Reliability Council Of Texas protocols; collections experience; fluctuations in interest rates; weather; water supply; changes in fuel costs; availability of fuel supplies; the effectiveness of risk management and commodity risk transactions; seasonality and other changes in supply and demand in the market for electric power; the impact of mandatory energy efficiency measures on customer energy usage; variability of wholesale power prices and natural gas prices; volatility and liquidity in the wholesale power markets and the natural gas markets; uncertainty regarding the ongoing validity of government programs for emission allowances; changes in the competitive environment in the electric industry; the outcome of legal proceedings; the extent of insurance coverage available for claims made in litigation; and changes in applicable accounting principles.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The Company uses ongoing earnings and ongoing earnings per diluted share (or ongoing diluted earnings per share) and EBITDA (earnings before interest charges, income taxes, depreciation and amortization) and ongoing EBITDA to evaluate the operations of the Company and to establish goals for management and employees. While the Company believes these financial measures are appropriate and useful for investors, they are not measures presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S. (GAAP). The Company does not intend for these measures, or any piece of these measures, to represent any financial measure as defined by GAAP. Furthermore, the Company's calculations of these measures as presented may or may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies. The Company uses ongoing earnings guidance to provide investors with management's expectations of ongoing financial performance over the period presented. While the Company believes ongoing earnings guidance is an appropriate measure, it is not a measure presented in accordance with GAAP. The Company does not intend for ongoing earnings guidance to represent an expectation of net earnings as defined by GAAP. Management is generally not able to estimate the impact of the reconciling items between ongoing earnings guidance and forecasted GAAP earnings, nor their probable impact on GAAP earnings; therefore, management is generally not able to provide a corresponding GAAP equivalent for earnings guidance. In addition, The Company uses forecasts of ongoing EBITDA and cash earnings guidance to provide investors with management's expectations of additional indicators of ongoing financial performance. Since forecasts of EBITDA and cash earnings are derived from forecasted ongoing earnings, management is not able to reconcile these items to a GAAP equivalent.

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