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CHAPTER 2

HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 452, as amended

with emergency clause

Introduced by

**EMERGENCY CLAUSE**



# Chapter 2

## AN ACT

RELATING TO UTILITIES; CREATING A TASK FORCE TO INVESTIGATE  
THE RECENT NATURAL GAS SHUT-DOWN AND ITS RAMIFICATIONS;  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. NATURAL GAS EMERGENCY INVESTIGATION TASK  
FORCE--POWERS AND DUTIES--AGENCY COOPERATION.--

A. The "natural gas emergency investigation task  
force" is created and shall be composed of the following  
members:

(1) the secretary of finance and  
administration or the secretary's designee;

(2) the secretary of homeland security and  
emergency management or the secretary's designee;

(3) the chair of the public regulation  
commission or another commissioner designated by the chair;

(4) the adjutant general or the adjutant  
general's designee;

(5) the attorney general or the attorney  
general's designee;

(6) the superintendent of insurance or the  
superintendent's designee;

(7) one majority party member and one  
minority party member of the house of representatives to be

1 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

2 (8) one majority party member and one  
3 minority party member of the senate to be appointed by the  
4 president pro tempore of the senate.

5 B. The secretary of finance and administration  
6 shall serve as chair of the task force.

7 C. The task force shall:

8 (1) investigate how and why New Mexico  
9 consumers lost natural gas service in early February 2011;

10 (2) investigate the economic and social  
11 impacts of the loss;

12 (3) investigate the adequacy of the state's  
13 and local governments' response to the emergency;

14 (4) determine how to safeguard  
15 deliverability and operational efficiency in the natural gas  
16 pipeline system to prevent undue hardship on New Mexico  
17 natural gas consumers;

18 (5) invite representatives of federal  
19 agencies that regulate interstate pipelines and transportation  
20 of natural gas to assist in the task force's duties;

21 (6) invite a representative of the federal  
22 emergency management agency to assist in the task force's  
23 duties;

24 (7) invite other experts to assist the task  
25 force as necessary;

1 (8) recommend state or federal legislation  
2 necessary to address the task force's concerns;

3 (9) address other matters related to the  
4 natural gas emergency that the chair of the task force deems  
5 necessary;

6 (10) determine the most practicable way that  
7 gas customers can be notified of an impending outage or  
8 service interruption; and

9 (11) determine the best methods to  
10 prioritize shutdown decisions during emergencies.

11 D. State agencies and legislative committees shall  
12 assist the task force as needed.

13 E. The task force shall report its findings and  
14 recommendations to the governor and the appropriate interim  
15 legislative committees by August 1, 2011 and shall post its  
16 report on the public regulation commission web site upon  
17 completion.

18 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
19 peace, health and safety that this act take effect  
20 immediately. \_\_\_\_\_

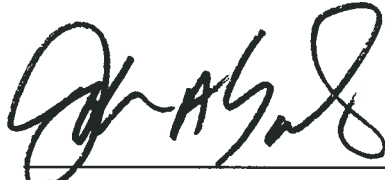
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