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RHS 2018 Wendy's High School Heisman Award Winners Submitted By: Lynette Simpson

Ms. Estefani Martinez-Colin and Mr. Jose Archuleta of Raton High School were recently named School Winners for the prestigious Wendy's High School Heisman Award which highlights exceptional high school seniors and their achievements in the classroom, on the field and in the community.

Estefani Martinez-Colin is the daughter of Maria Colin and Homero Martinez. She participates in Cheerleading, Tennis and Volleyball. She is also very active in school where she is in FCCLA and serves as the Chapter Secretary, RHS Student Senate and serves as the Senior Class Vice President, Youth Alive, and National Honor Society and serves as the Chapter Secretary. Estefani gives back to her community in a variety of ways and especially enjoys volunteering with MCMC Long Term, Elks Lodge Thrift Shops, Lip Sync, and the Raton High School Blood Drives.

Jose Archuleta is the son of Jose and Raquel Archuleta. He participates in basketball, tennis, golf and track. He is also a member of FCCLA and serves as Chapter President, RHS Student Senate and serves as Student Body President, National Honor Society,



Estefani Martinez-Colin (Right) and Jose Archuleta named Wendy's High School Heisman recipients.

Youth Alive, and FCA. Jose gives back to his community by volunteering at Raton Visitor's Center, Raton High School Blood Drives, the Gateway Music Festival, and Hope's Senior Center to name a few.

"We are honored to have two of our students recognized as some of New Mexico's top student-athletes." said Lynette Simpson, Counselor at Raton High School.

For 24 years, Wendy's, in partnership with the Heisman Memorial Trophy, has recognized outstanding students and rewarded their commitment and achievements to academics, athletics, and community on a national level.

RNG TO OFFER ONLINE PAYMENTS

In an effort to increase convenience and simplicity in account management, Raton Natural Gas is offering online payments for customers.

Customers can visit the website at www.RatonNaturalGas.com/payonline and follow the instructions there to register and access their accounts.

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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
RATION NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR
APPROVAL OF ITS 2018-2019 ENERGY
EFFICIENCY PROGRAM PLAN AND FOR
APPROVAL OF A PROGRAM COST RATE
RIDER PURSUANT TO THE EFFICIENT
USE OF ENERGY ACT AND 17.7.2 NMAC

Case No. 18-00312-UT

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NOTICE TO RATON NATURAL GAS COMPANY CUSTOMERS

Notice is hereby given to all Raton Natural Gas Company Customers of the following:

1. On October 1, 2018, Raton Natural Gas Company ("RNG") filed with the Commission an Application requesting approvals and authorizations necessary to implement its 2018-2019 Energy Efficiency (" E E ") Program Plan. The Application requests approval to add three new Residential EE measures to its existing Residential programs and three new Commercial EE programs.

Specifically, RNG requests to continue its current Residential EE programs and add the following three new Residential measures: 1) a Water Heating program which will provide incentives and rebates for the installation of high efficiency rated natural gas water heaters; 2) a Space Heating program that will provide incentives and rebates for the installation of high efficiency natural gas space heating appliances and energy conservation devices; and 3) an Income Qualified program that includes a package of residential weatherization and other energy efficiency offerings for RNG's low-income customers.

The three new Commercial programs for which the Application seeks approval include: 1) a Water Heating program which will provide incentives and rebates for the installation of high efficiency rated commercial natural gas water heaters; 2) a Space Heating program that will provide incentives and rebates for the installation of high efficiency commercial natural gas furnaces; and 3) free energy efficiency assessments that will include free commercial grade programmable thermostats and low-flow pre-rinse spray valves.

- 2. The New Mexico Efficient Use of Energy Act allows RNG to recover its prudent and reasonable costs incurred as a result of implementing, funding, and administering energy efficiency programs through a tariff rider. RNG proposed to recover its program costs through its Second Revised Rate No. 6, its Energy Efficiency Rate Rider as a per ccf rate. RNG is requesting that the proposed programs and overall portfolio annual budget of \$21,432 be approved for the 2018-2019 Program Years. RNG estimates that the proposed programs and the proposed annual budget of \$21,432 will be approved by the NMPRC in the Second Quarter of 2019.
- The proposed Energy Efficiency Rate Rider will be applicable to all customer classes eligible to participate in RNG's energy
 efficiency programs, including all residential and commercial customers. The proposed Energy Efficiency Rate Rider rate is \$0.0055 per ccf.
- 4. The following table compares the monthly average bill for a Residential and a Commercial customers including the proposed new \$0.0055 per cef Energy Efficiency Rate Rider surcharge. The Monthly Average Bill Comparison includes the Cost of Gas Component and excludes applicable taxes and fees:

Monthly Average Bill Comparison

Rate Class	Proposed EE Rate Rider \$/ccf	Average Bill Usage ccf	Current Average Bill	With Proposed EE Rate	Increase \$	Increase %
Residential	\$.0055	78	\$43.41	\$43.49	\$.08	.18%
Commercial	\$.0055	336	\$160.71	\$162.56	\$1.85	1.15%

The bill comparisons are for informational purposes only. The impact of the proposed new Energy Efficiency Rate Rider will vary according to individual customer usage. In addition, the tariff rider ultimately approved by the Commission may vary the rate rider charges to each eligible customer class approved in this case or in future applications of the tariff rider.

- 5. Any person may examine RNG's Application, together with any exhibits and related papers that may be filed, during regular business hours at RNG's office located at 1360 South Second Street, Raton, New Mexico 87740, telephone 575-445-3613; or at the Commission's Offices, 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501. Further information can be obtained at the Commission's Case Look Up E-docket on the website at http://www.mmprc.state.mm.us.
- The Commission has assigned Case No. 18-00312-UT to this proceeding, and all correspondence, pleadings, inquiries, written
 comments or other communications concerning this matter should refer to that case number.
 - 7. The Hearing Examiner has established the following schedule for this case:

Any person who desires to become a party to this case must file the original and five copies of a Motion for Leave to Intervene, pursuant to 1.2.2.23(A) and (B) NMAC, or before December 7, 2018. All motions for leave to intervene, pleadings or testimony shall be served on all existing parties, other proposed intervenors of record and the Hearing Examiner by e-mail or U.S. mail. The Hearing Examiner's e-mail is <u>Frances.Sundheim@state.nm.us</u>. All filings shall be sent to:

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission

ATTN: Records and Docketing Department

PERA Building, Room 406

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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501-1269

The Commission Utility Staff shall, and Interveners may, file Direct Testimony on or before February 8, 2019.

Any Rebuttal Testimony must be filed on or before March 1, 2019

A public hearing will be held on March 25, 2019 at 9:30 A.M. and continue thereafter through March 29, 2019, if necessary, in the Ground Floor Hearing Room of the Commission in the PERA Building, 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico, to hear and receive testimony, exhibits, arguments, and any other appropriate matters relevant to this proceeding.

- 8. The procedural dates and requirements provided herein are subject to further order of the Commission or the Hearing Examiner. Interested persons should contact the Commission for confirmation of the hearing date, time and place because hearings are occasionally rescheduled.
- The Commission's Rules of Procedure found at 1.2.2 NMAC shall apply to this proceeding unless modified by order of the Commission or the Hearing Examiner. Such rules are available online at the official NMAC website http://i64.64.110.134/nmac/nmac-titles.
- 10. Any interested person may appear at the time and place of hearing and make an oral or written comment pursuant to Rule 1.2.2.23(F) NMAC without becoming an intervenor. Such comments will not considered as evidence in this case.
- Any person with a disability requiring special assistance in order to participate in this proceeding should contact the Commission at 1-888-427-5772 at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the hearing.
 - 12. Any person whose testimony has been pre-filed shall attend the hearing and submit to examination under oath.

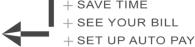
ISSUED at Santa Fe, New Mexico on November 8, 2018.

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Frances I. Sundheim

Hearing Examiner





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