

Immediate Release

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SANTA FE: Questions have arisen in regard to Governor Richardson's recent trip to Reno, Nevada to accept the chairmanship of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC). Governor Richardson delivered the keynote address and was formally elected Chairman. The Governor left New Mexico at 11:00am on Monday October 20, 2003 and returned at 4:30pm that same day.

A news release dated May 29, 2003 was issued by IOGCC announcing that Governor Richardson would become chairman at the meeting during the meeting in Reno, Nevada from October 19-21, 2003. The Governor's office confirmed the date at that time.

This trip was a political trip. No state funds were expended or incurred. Moving America Forward, the Governor's political action committee, paid for the trip including all related transportation costs.