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Governor Bill Richardson Reacts to Pojoaque Gaming Settlement

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson released the following statement today praising the agreement between the State of New Mexico and Pojoaque Pueblo. Under the agreement, Pojoaque Pueblo agreed to settle its lawsuit against the State and pay back the revenue that is owed the State.

“Since this case was filed by the Pueblo, both of our governments suffered from mounting legal costs and chilled relations,” Governor Richardson said. “I hope that now we can put this contentious litigation behind us and work to restore our government-to-government relations with the Pueblo. I commend the Attorney General for standing firm and protecting the State’s interest in this case. The revenue that the State will receive under this agreement will be used for vital government services to the benefit of all New Mexicans.”

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