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Governor Richardson Appoints Water Utility Authority Head Mark Sanchez to Interstate Stream Commission

(SANTA FE, NM) – Governor Bill Richardson has appointed Mark S. Sanchez, Executive Director of the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority, as a new Commissioner for the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission.

“Mark Sanchez’s more than 25 years of major management, policy and executive experience will make him a great asset on the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission,” said Governor Richardson. “His experience establishing and guiding a major independent regional water and sewer utility that serves more than half a million New Mexicans will serve him well on the commission.”

Sanchez has served as the Executive Director of the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Authority since 2004. Previously, he served as a Director of City Council Services for the City of Albuquerque and has held executive positions in government and the non-profit sector in the areas of water and wastewater, governmental policy, housing and social services and community and economic development. He also served on the Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education for six years as an elected official.

Sanchez has a Master of Science in Business Administration degree from New Mexico Highlands University, as well as a Master of Arts in Public Administration degree from the University of New Mexico. He received his Bachelor of University Studies degree in 1978 from the University of New Mexico. He also attended the Southwest Leadership Program for Local and State Government in 2003 and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 1991.

Sanchez replaces Judith Espinosa who resigned her position in September to become Chief of Staff for Lieutenant Governor Diane Denish.

The nine-member Interstate Stream Commission is charged with protecting New Mexico’s right to water under eight interstate stream compacts, ensuring the state complies with each of those compacts, as well as water planning.