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Transformer Delivery To Cause Moving Roadblock

Santa Fe - The New Mexico Department of Transportation, State Police, and Motor Transportation Police will be working together to coordinate the transport of a 910,000 lb. transformer for Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc. The transformer will be driven on a 20' x 290' trailer from Santo Domingo Pueblo to Chili beginning Tuesday June 18 and arriving at its final destination the next day. The transport trailer will take up two lanes along the route and will travel at speeds varying from 5 to 30 mph.

The transport will begin Tuesday at 9:00 p.m. at the New Mexico Rail Runner KEWA Pueblo Station heading northbound on NM 22 (KEWA Pueblo) then southbound on NM 16 (Cochiti) en route to I-25. Motorists traveling in this direction along NM 22 and NM 16 from 9:00-11:30 p.m. will be affected by this slow moving vehicle. Motorists traveling in the opposite direction will be detoured around the transformer as it approaches.

At 11:30 p.m. the trailer will utilize the southbound lanes of I-25 at the Cochiti Exit (Exit 263) traveling north to the Waldo Canyon Interchange (Exit 267). The southbound lanes of I-25 between these exits will be **CLOSED** from 11:30 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. The I-25 Waldo Canyon Interchange on-ramp to southbound I-25 and crossroad will also be **CLOSED** during this time.

The transport will continue northbound on I-25 onto NM 599, US 84/285 and NM 502 until 5:30 a.m. Intersections along NM 599 and NM 502 will be temporarily **CLOSED** to allow the trailer to pass through. It will then be removed from the travel lanes to avoid impacting morning commuters.

The transport will resume at 9:00 a.m. on NM 502 heading westbound to NM 30 then northbound into Espanola. Drivers in the opposite direction along NM 30 will be detoured around the transformer. Intersections along this area will be **CLOSED** as it passes through.

The trailer will continue northbound on US 84/285 through Espanola to the Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative on US 84, approximately 7 miles north of the US 285

Junction. Intersections along US 84/285 in Espanola will be temporarily **CLOSED** while the trailer passes through.

Notifications and closures will be posted and updated on the NMDOT road and travel advisory website at the <u>http://nmroads.com/</u>

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