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NEW MEXICO GAS COMPANY EARNS 2019 ENERGY STAR[®] PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARD

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M – New Mexico Gas Company is proud to announce that it received the 2019 ENERGY STAR[®] Partner of the Year Award for its outstanding efforts in demonstrating exemplary commitment and dedication to leadership in energy efficiency and the ENERGY STAR program. NMGC's accomplishments will be recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. on April 11, 2019.

"At NMGC our team works hard to publicize ENERGY STAR products that help our customers save money and energy," said Steve Casey, Manager of Energy Efficiency Programs for NMGC. "Our efforts to utilize and promote ENERGY STAR products throughout the year for our entire portfolio of offerings including those for residential and business customers and income qualified programs has helped us to win this esteemed award."

"I applaud the 2019 ENERGY STAR Award Winners," said EPA Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation Bill Wehrum. "Their innovation and leadership enhance America's economic competitiveness. Reducing costly energy waste improves air quality and public health while protecting the environment."

The ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year award recognizes ENERGY STAR partner businesses and organizations in good standing that demonstrate superior leadership, innovation, and commitment to environmental protection through energy efficiency

and ENERGY STAR.

For a complete list of 2019 winners and more information about ENERGY STAR's awards program, visit <u>energystar.gov/awardwinners</u>.

About New Mexico Gas Company

As the largest natural gas distribution utility in the state, New Mexico Gas Company serves 527,000 customers in 27 New Mexico counties. New Mexico Gas is a subsidiary of Emera Inc. Visit our website at www.nmgco.com

About Emera

Emera Inc. is a geographically diverse energy and services company headquartered in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with approximately \$30 billion in assets and 2017 revenues of more than \$6 billion. The company invests in electricity generation, transmission and distribution, gas transmission and distribution and utility energy services with a strategic focus on transformation from high carbon to low carbon energy sources. Emera has investments throughout North America and in four Caribbean countries. Emera continues to target achieving a minimum of 75% of its adjusted net income from rateregulated businesses. Emera's common and preferred shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and trade respectively under the symbol EMA, EMA.PR.A, EMA.PR.B, EMA.PR.C, EMA.PR.E, and EMA.PR.F. Depositary receipts representing common shares of Emera are listed on the Barbados Stock Exchange under the symbol EMABDR and on The Bahamas International Securities Exchange under the symbol EMAB. Additional Information can be accessed at www.emera.com or at www.sedar.com.

About ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR[®] is the government-backed symbol for energy efficiency, providing simple, credible, and unbiased information that consumers and businesses rely on to make wellinformed decisions. Thousands of industrial, commercial, utility, state, and local organizations—including more than 40 percent of the Fortune 500[®]—rely on their partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to deliver cost-saving energy efficiency solutions. Since 1992, ENERGY STAR and its partners helped save American families and businesses nearly 4 trillion kilowatt-hours of electricity and achieve over 3 billion metric tons of greenhouse gas reductions. In 2017 alone, ENERGY STAR and its partners helped Americans avoid \$30 billion in energy costs. More background information about ENERGY STAR can be found at: <u>energystar.gov/about</u> and <u>energystar.gov/numbers</u>.