

Ryan Shell confirmed to continue running New Mexico Gas Co.

Leadership continuity is a key part of growth, says Emera

Tampa, Fla. (July 12, 2016) – Ryan Shell, president of New Mexico Gas Co, has been confirmed to continue running the Albuquerque-based gas utility, the company announced today.

"Leadership continuity and maintaining strong relationships with stakeholders are both important to the company's ability to grow in the future," said Chris Huskison, president and chief executive officer of Emera Inc., the new owner of NMGC. "Having Ryan's strong leadership in this role is, we believe, an important element of our growth strategy."

In addition, Shell will be on the NMGC operating board. In the coming months, Emera will be appointing additional New Mexicans to serve on the board.

Shell joined the company in 2009. He previously served as vice president of Finance, treasurer and controller. Prior to joining NMGC, Ryan worked in various financial roles at SEMCO Energy, a natural gas utility with operations in Michigan and Alaska. Earlier, he worked as a Certified Public Accountant at BDO Seidman, a national accounting and consulting firm.

Shell received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Oakland University and received a Master of Business Administration from the University of New Mexico. He also is a Certified Public Accountant. He currently serves on the boards of United Way of Central New Mexico, Albuquerque Economic Development, the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, the University of New Mexico's Anderson School of Management Foundation, the Western Energy Institute and the Midwest Energy Association.

New Mexico Gas Co., the largest natural gas distribution utility in New Mexico, serves more than 515,000 customers across New Mexico. New Mexico Gas is a subsidiary of Emera Inc., a geographically diverse energy and services company headquartered in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.