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**EMNRD announces new General Counsel**

**SANTA FE, NM** – Today, the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) welcomes Dylan Fuge as the new General Counsel for the Department. Mr. Fuge comes to EMNRD with more than 15 years' experience in the public and private sectors advising clients on complex natural resources and regulatory issues.

"Mr. Fuge's prior experience at the Department of the Interior and training in legal, policy, and environmental issues makes him a strong addition to our senior management team at EMNRD," said Secretary Sarah Cottrell Propst. "He is a problem solver whose knowledge of law, regulations, and policy touches all of EMNRD's divisions, as well as many of our federal agency partners. I'm pleased to welcome him to EMNRD."

"I also want to take this opportunity to thank our highly respected previous General Counsel Bill Brancard for his outstanding service to the department. Fortunately, he is not going far and has decided to transition to a hearing examiner role in EMNRD's Oil Conservation Division," Secretary Cottrell Propst added.

Mr. Fuge comes to EMNRD from T-Mobile, where he was responsible for providing nationwide local permitting and advocacy support for the company's cell site development efforts. Before that, Mr. Fuge spent six years at the Department of the Interior, where he served as Counselor to the Director of the Bureau of Land Management and as an Attorney Advisor in the Office of the Solicitor. His Interior portfolio included oil and gas development and oversight, renewable energy project development, land use planning, and general public lands management. Mr. Fuge holds degrees in Geology and Studies in the Environment from Yale University and earned his Law Degree and a Masters of Environmental Management from Duke University.

"I am honored to serve as General Counsel to EMNRD and am looking forward to this rewarding and challenging role," said Mr. Fuge. "My previous work on natural resources and public lands is a perfect fit for the large scope of the Department and I look forward to joining this dedicated team committed to improving New Mexico."

Mr. Fuge grew up in Santa Fe, and we are pleased to welcome him back to New Mexico. His first day of work is today.

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