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SANTA FE – Following through on a personal goal to serve the New Mexico public, former Public Regulation Commissioner Theresa Becenti-Aguilar now works an attendant to the Sergeant at Arms with the New Mexico Senate Office of the Chief Clerk at the Roundhouse. Becenti-Aguilar started the paid position Jan. 19 – the same day the state legislative session began. The job ends this week.

“My job is a temporary position,” Becenti-Aguilar said. “My future plan is to continue to serve in some capacity for my constituents. (Today), some of my constituents travel to Santa Fe and share their stories of how proud they are to see me continuing my work in a high and official capacity. I am truly blessed of paths granted.”

Among Becenti-Aguilar’s duties in the legislative job are assisting the New Mexico Senate with the preparation of the chamber for floor sessions, including bill book preparation, assisting senators with special assignments, and enforcing media policy.

Becenti-Aguilar grew up in Coyote Canyon on the Navajo Nation without electricity and running water, and was appointed to the $90,000-a-year PRC job in 2010 by then-Gov. Bill Richardson. She outright won election to PRC in November of the same year. Becenti-Aguilar made history in that election in that she was one of three women who served PRC at the same time, joining still sitting commissioners Valerie Espinosa and Karen Montoya.

Becenti-Aguilar represented District 4 on the PRC, which includes McKinley and Cibola counties.

The PRC regulates the utilities, telecommunications and motor carrier industries to ensure fair and reasonable rates and adequate services as stipulated by law.

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