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New Mexico State Senate Confirms John Bemis As Secretary of Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department

SANTA FE – The New Mexico State Senate today unanimously confirmed John H. Bemis as Secretary of the Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department. Bemis was selected by Governor Susana Martinez as her choice for Cabinet Secretary-Designate in March of 2011. Bemis, a former Assistant Commissioner for oil, gas and minerals at the State Land Office, was confirmed on a 33-0 margin.

“Bemis’s broad experience in both the public and private sector has made him uniquely suited for this job,” Governor Susana Martinez said. “He has already demonstrated his leadership overseeing the State Forestry response during last summer’s wildfires, visiting 21 of New Mexico’s 35 State Parks so far, and establishing a common-sense approach to working with the oil, gas and renewable energy industries.”

“I am honored and humbled by the trust placed in me by Governor Martinez and the New Mexico Senate,” Secretary Bemis said. “Our department affects everyone in one way or another in New Mexico from State Parks & Forests to Energy development. I look forward to continuing to work with the Legislature and the business community to develop and manage the precious resources of our state.”

Secretary Bemis has twenty years experience in private practice and corporate positions in the field of oil and gas law, along with seven years experience in state government. He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and served eight years in the United States Army in Air Defense Artillery and Army Aviation positions. He attended the University of Notre Dame Law School and graduated in 1984.

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