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## **Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department Announces First Electric Vehicle Charging Station on State- Owned Property**

**Santa Fe, NM** – Today, Acting Cabinet Secretary Tony Delfin unveiled the first public electric vehicle charging station on state-owned property at the Wendell Chino Building, home of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department's Energy Conservation and Management Division.

"One of the principles of our Energy Policy and Implementation Plan is we cannot afford to exclude any energy asset from our portfolio, which is why we accepted the Department of Energy's Workplace Charging Challenge by installing the charging station on state property," said Acting Secretary Delfin. "Today, our state employees with plug-in electric vehicles have another commuting option, as does the public."

New Mexico is just one of three states in the nation to accept the Department of Energy's Electric Vehicle Everywhere Grand Challenge, Workplace Charging Challenge by pledging to install a dual Level 2 Charging Station.

Paid for by a DOE grant, the dual Level 2 charging station can charge two electric vehicles at a time and is open 24-hours a day. The station is connected to a 110-kW solar rooftop system on the Chino Building. The current cost for charge an electric vehicle is \$1 an hour. Fees and billing will be managed by ChargePoint, through mobile and web applications.

The Energy, Conservation and Management Division (ECMD) worked with the General Services Department Facility Management Division, and the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs for the Workplace Charging Challenge. The present goal of the challenge is to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure at state-owned complexes across the state.



**EMNRD’s Energy Conservation and Management Division Director Louise Martinez and Acting Cabinet Secretary Tony Delfin before they cut ribbon on the first electric vehicle dual charging station on State-owned property**

“This is a path forward in the right direction,” said Energy Conservation and Management Division Director Louise Martinez. “We now have the template for future charging stations at state buildings thanks to the diligence and hard work the Energy Conservation and Management Division and our agency partners.”

Energy Conservation and Management Division is managing this project utilizing funding from a separate grant from the DOE; for more information, please see their [website](#).

New Mexico has 44 public charging stations for PEVs, primarily located in the greater Albuquerque metropolitan area. Santa Fe now has 22.

For more information, please go to [www.cleanenergynm.org](http://www.cleanenergynm.org)

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