

# NEW MEXICO

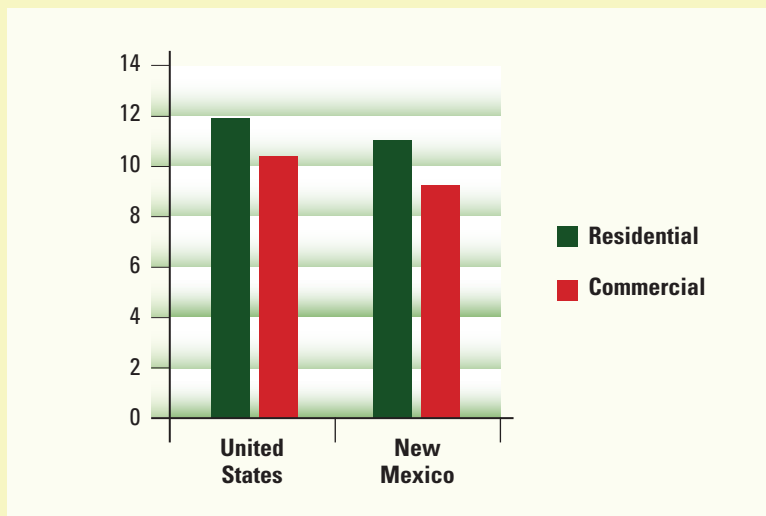
PROJECT NAME	TYPE
ConAgra Ethanol Plant	Renewable Fuels
Desert Rock Energy Project	Coal
Estancia Basin Biomass Power Project	Biomass
SunZia Transmission Line (NM Portion)	Transmission
Taos Wind Farm	Wind

## Economic Overview

Population (2009 in thousands)	2,010
Personal Income per Capita (2009)	\$32,992
Employment (Aug 2010 in thousands)	875.9
Unemployment Rate (Aug 2010)	8.3%
Change in Jobs (Jan. 2008 – Aug. 2010)	-48,300
All State Government Expenditures	\$15.8 bn

## Electricity Costs (cents/kilowatt hour)

Residential (June 2010)	11.34
Commercial (June 2010)	9.25



**U.S. vs. New Mexico Electricity Costs**  
(cents/kilowatt hours)

## Benefits from Proposed Energy Projects

### Upfront Investment (total of all projects)

Total Economic Output (in PDV)	\$8,200,000,000
Employment Earnings (in PDV)	\$2,700,000,000
Average Annual Jobs	18,300

### First Year of Operations (total of all projects)

Total Economic Output (in PDV)	\$1,500,000,000
Employment Earnings (in PDV)	\$400,000,000
Average Jobs Created in Year 1	9,000

## Example Project

### Estancia Basin Biomass Power Project

The Western Water and Power Production LLC applied for an air quality permit to construct and operate a 35 MW biomass power generation plant on a 50 acre property in Torrance County, New Mexico. The State ultimately denied the permit in May 2007. Local citizens and the environmental community opposed the project, citing emissions from the facility. "Dirty energy produced from the destruction of native forests cannot be considered clean and renewable and should be rejected as such by the states and the federal government," said Bryan Bird, program director for WildEarth Guardians. The state initially denied the project a Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit, but reversed its decision in February 2008. However, on March 12, 2010, the New Mexico Division of Energy Conservation and Management sent a letter informing the company that it had not met the 24-month milestone to generate electricity as required in the state's administrative code.