

PUBLIC SERVICE CO OF NEW MEXICO
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 [NO FEE REQUIRED].

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 [NO FEE REQUIRED].

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 1 - 6986

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO
MASTER EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST
(Full title of the plan)

Public Service Company of New Mexico
(Name of issuer)

Alvarado Square
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87158
(Address of issuer's principal executive office)

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To the Plan Administrator of the
Public Service Company of New Mexico
Master Employee Savings Plan and Trust:

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO MASTER EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST (the "Plan") as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2000. These financial statements and the schedule referred to below are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedule based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2000, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets held for investment purposes is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements, taken as a whole.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

Albuquerque, New Mexico
May 18, 2001

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO
 MASTER EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

| | As of December 31, | |
|--|--------------------|----------------|
| | 2000 | 1999 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Investments, at fair value: | | |
| Shares of registered investment companies - | | |
| Vanguard Windsor Fund | \$ 26,547,562 | \$ 28,747,270 |
| Vanguard PRIMECAP Fund | 25,786,971 | 15,068,251 |
| Vanguard 500 Index Fund | 20,310,378 | 19,671,401 |
| Vanguard Wellington Fund | 18,329,025 | 17,707,836 |
| Vanguard Treasury Money Market Fund | 17,252,426 | 16,234,223 |
| Vanguard U.S. Growth Fund | 16,291,731 | 16,818,518 |
| Vanguard International Growth Fund | 5,668,548 | 4,977,895 |
| Vanguard Windsor II Fund | 5,274,160 | 4,745,954 |
| Vanguard Long-Term Treasury Fund | 4,518,280 | 3,571,417 |
| Vanguard LifeStrategy Growth Fund | 3,178,361 | 2,376,485 |
| Vanguard Strategic Equity Fund | 3,065,760 | 2,152,680 |
| Vanguard Asset Allocation Fund | 2,996,784 | 2,532,065 |
| Vanguard LifeStrategy Moderate Growth Fund | 2,370,260 | 2,047,641 |
| Vanguard Short-Term Corporate Fund | 2,136,520 | 1,859,515 |
| Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund | 1,718,938 | 1,848,088 |
| Vanguard LifeStrategy Conservative Growth Fund | 810,024 | 699,960 |
| Vanguard LifeStrategy Income Fund | 437,633 | 407,558 |
| PIMCO Funds: Total Return Fund; Administrative | 426,481 | 243,815 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | 157,119,842 | 141,710,572 |
| PIMCO StocksPLUS Fund- Admin Class | 1,486,718 | 1,451,175 |
| Public Service Company of New Mexico Common Stock Fund | 5,297,626 | 3,811,229 |
| Participant Loans | 5,943,970 | 5,727,151 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total investments | 169,848,156 | 152,700,127 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Receivables: | | |
| Employer contribution receivable | 422,033 | 103,531 |
| Employee contributions receivable | 358,568 | - |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total receivables | 780,601 | 103,531 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Net Assets Available for Benefits | \$ 170,628,757 | \$ 152,803,658 |

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The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO
 MASTER EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

| | Year Ended December 31, 2000 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Additions to Net Assets: | |
| Investment income: | |
| Interest and dividend income | \$ 14,160,804 |
| Net depreciation in fair value of investments | (9,752,379) |
| | ----- |
| Investment income | 4,408,425 |
| | ----- |
| Contributions: | |
| Participants' contributions | 12,199,095 |
| Employer's contributions | 8,660,081 |
| | ----- |
| Total contributions | 20,859,176 |
| Other additions | 1,877 |
| | ----- |
| Total additions | 25,269,478 |
| | ----- |
| Deductions from Net Assets: | |
| Benefits paid to participants | 7,376,391 |
| Administrative expenses | 67,988 |
| | ----- |
| Total deductions | 7,444,379 |
| | ----- |
| Net increase in net assets available for benefits | 17,825,099 |
| Net Assets Available for Benefits, beginning of year | 152,803,658 |
| | ----- |
| Net Assets Available for Benefits, end of year | \$ 170,628,757 |
| | ===== |

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO
MASTER EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2000 and 1999

1. Plan Description

The following description of the Public Service Company of New Mexico (the "Company") Master Employee Savings Plan and Trust (the "Plan") is provided for general information purposes only. More complete information regarding the Plan's provisions may be found in the Plan document.

a. General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of the Company who meet the eligibility requirements as defined by the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

The Plan was amended and restated on April 22, 1997. Effective January 1, 1998, the Plan amendment provided for the following: immediate participation in the Plan by all employees upon employment; employees must complete one year of employment in order to receive a Company contribution; Company matching contributions of 75% of participant's contributions up to 6% of their eligible compensation (maximum contribution of 4.5%); an additional Company contribution of 3% of participant's eligible compensation, regardless of other Company matching contributions; immediate vesting in employee and employer contributions; addition of loan and hardship withdrawal features; portable benefits; expanded fund investment options; the sharing of Plan funding by the Company and employee and investment risk and/or benefit are with the employee.

The retirement benefit provided by this Plan is dependent upon the contributions made by the employee, including any Company match, and the rate of return on the investments (risk and benefit). Should an employee not participate in the matching contributions, a retirement benefit will be provided by the 3% non-matching contribution made by the Company. Should an employee take full advantage of the matching portions by contributing the 6%, a retirement benefit of 13.5% can be accrued each year along with any investment gain or loss.

b. Contributions and Vesting

Eligible employees can contribute an amount up to 17.5%, but not less than 1%, of compensation as defined by the Plan, limited by requirements of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") and the nature of the participant contribution. Participants are fully vested in their contributions and earnings thereon. There were no forfeitures during the Plan year.

c. Benefits

Upon termination of service for any reason, a participant may elect to receive an amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. The form of payment is a lump-sum distribution or a combination of a lump-sum payment and a direct rollover contribution to another qualified plan.

d. Participant Accounts

Individual accounts are maintained for each of the Plan's participants to reflect the participant's share of the Plan's income and expenses and the participant's contribution. Allocations are based on participant account balances, as defined in the Plan.

e. Investment Options

During the plan year ending December 31, 2000, participants were able to allocate their contributions among various investment options.

f. Participant Loans

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum aggregate equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance. Loan terms range from 1-5 years. Loans for the purchase of a primary residence may be repaid over a longer period of time, as determined by a committee established to administer the Plan (the "Committee"). All loans shall be repaid with a substantially level amortization of both principal and interest on a schedule prescribed by the Committee with payments made at least quarterly. The loans are secured by 50% of the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate commensurate with the interest rates charged by persons in the business of lending money for loans which would be made under similar circumstances, as determined by the Committee. Interest rates on outstanding loans at December 31, 2000 range from 8.00% to 9.37%.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

b. Income Recognition

Interest income is recorded as earned on the accrual basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

c. Investment Valuation

Investments of the Plan are stated at fair value. Securities traded in public markets are valued at their quoted market prices. Participant loans are valued at cost, which approximates fair value. Purchases and sales of securities are reflected on a trade-date basis.

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d. Risks and Uncertainties

Investments are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits and the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

The Vanguard International Growth Fund invests in the securities of foreign companies, which involve special risks and considerations not typically associated with investing in U.S. companies. These risks included devaluation of currencies, less reliable information about issuers, different securities transaction clearance and settlement practices and possible adverse political and economic developments. Moreover, securities of many foreign companies and their markets may be less liquid and their prices more volatile than those of securities of comparable U.S. companies.

e. Administrative Expenses

The Company pays all administrative expenses of the Plan, except for the administrative costs of mutual funds and loan processing fees.

f. Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

g. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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3. Investments

The fair market value of individual investments as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, that represent five percent or more of the Plan's net assets at their respective year-ends are as follows:

| | 2000 | 1999 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Vanguard Windsor Fund | \$ 26,547,562 | \$28,747,270 |
| Vanguard PRIMECAP Fund | 25,786,971 | 15,068,251 |
| Vanguard 500 Index Fund | 20,310,378 | 19,671,401 |
| Vanguard Wellington Fund | 18,329,025 | 17,707,836 |
| Vanguard Treasury Money Market Fund | 17,252,426 | 16,234,223 |
| Vanguard U.S. Growth Fund | 16,291,731 | 16,818,518 |
| Other | 45,330,063 | 38,452,628 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | \$169,848,156 | \$ 152,700,127 |
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During 2000 and 1999, the Plan's investments in assets other than temporary investments and participant loans (depreciated) appreciated in fair value as follows:

| | 2000 | 1999 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Registered investment companies | \$ (11,636,687) | \$ 7,327,414 |
| Company stock fund | 2,164,061 | (1,057,806) |
| Master trust | (279,753) | (21,786) |
| | \$ (9,752,379) | \$ 6,247,822 |

The net (depreciation) appreciation in fair value of investments includes realized gains (losses) and unrealized appreciation (depreciation).

4. Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has issued a determination letter dated October 27, 1997, verifying that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. The Plan has been amended since receiving this determination letter. The Company will re-submit the Plan and will submit any amendments thereto to the IRS in a timely manner and will make all changes required by the IRS to maintain the Plan's qualification.

5. Party-In-Interest Transactions

The Plan presently holds shares of the Company's stock, and the Plan is being amended to allow participants to invest their accounts in a company stock fund. In addition, certain Plan investments are shares of funds managed by Vanguard Group. Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Vanguard Group, is the Trustee as defined by the Plan, and therefore, these transactions are party-in-interest transactions. Participant fees and administrative fees amounted to \$67,988 during plan year 2000.

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6. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their account balances remaining after the final allocation of expenses and fund profits or losses.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO
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Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets Held for Investment Purposes
 December 31, 2000

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| Identity of Party Involved | Description of Investment | Value |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Vanguard Group: | | |
| * Vanguard Windsor Fund | Registered investment company | \$ 26,547,562 |
| * Vanguard PRIMECAP Fund | Registered investment company | 25,786,971 |
| * Vanguard 500 Index Fund | Registered investment company | 20,310,378 |
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* Represents a party-in-interest

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EXHIBITS FILED.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|-------------|---|
| ----- | ----- |
| 23.1 | Consent of Independent Public Accountants |

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SIGNATURES

The Plan. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Committee has duly caused this annual report to be signed by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO
MASTER EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST
(Name of Plan)

Date: May 24, 2001

By /s/ Ramon M. Gonzales

Ramon M. Gonzales
Chairperson, MESP Committee