**CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR NMAC 1.8.1**

(NMSA 1978, § 14-4-5.5 & 1.24.25.14.F NMAC)

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1. Citation to authority authorizing rule: Paragraph 2 of Subsection A of Section 10-16G-5, State Ethics Commission Act, Section 10-16G-1 NMSA 1978.
2. Effective date of rule: January 1, 2020
3. Date of adoption of rule: December 4, 2019
4. Date of meeting at which agency voted to approve rule: December 4, 2019
5. Reasons for adopting rule: To ensure that the state ethics commission is administered so that it works effectively, efficiently and fairly to achieve its constitutional and statutory mission. That mission is to ensure compliance with all applicable public ethics laws by all public officials, employees, candidates, contractors, lobbyists and others subject to the commission’s jurisdiction throughout their employment or dealings with New Mexico state government; and to ensure that the public ethics laws are clear, comprehensive and effective.
6. Reasons for any change between the published proposed rule and the final rule: *See* Attachment 1.
7. Reasons for not accepting substantive arguments made through public comment: *See* Attachment 2.