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# New Mexico Tribal Broadband News & Updates

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## NM Tribal Working Group Meeting September 13, 2023 12:00pm-1:00pm, MDT *Business Planning and Compliance for A New Tribal ISP*

Please join Doug Kitch, CPA and Partner at Moss Adams, and Godfrey Enjady, General Manager and founder of the Mescalero Apache Telecom, Inc. (MATI) to discuss *Business Planning and Compliance for A New Tribal ISP*.

Doug Kitch has worked as a financial consultant for rural telecommunications and broadband carriers since 1991. His key focus areas include federal and state regulatory involvement, including considerable advocacy experience; universal service; jurisdictional cost separations; financial forecasting; solution-oriented strategic planning; and rate of return regulation.

Doug also assists and advocates for improved telecommunications policies for Tribal nations and carriers serving those areas. He's highly adept in this area, having spent most of his career navigating the complexities of Tribal telecommunications policies.

Godfrey Enjady has vast experience as a Technician/Analyst with CONTEL and GTE-Southwest in the installation and repair of residential phone systems, KEY and PBX business systems, data transmission as well as other aspects of OSP, ISP and customer relations.

Godfrey holds numerous certifications from the GTE Technical Schools. He is a member of the Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers and also a member of the State of New Mexico Electrical Bureau Journeymen JS-7. As a member of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, Godfrey has led the resurgence of utility services, economic and business development by bringing state of the art equipment to the Mescalero Reservation.

### **NM Tribal Broadband Working Group Meetings**

- Every other Wednesday at 12:00pm, MT
- September 13, 2023
- **Zoom login:**
- <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86256047626?pwd=MXdrVDJrdXFqVknjVVVPc2U2aU1RQT09>
  - Meeting ID: 862 5604 7626; Passcode: 602095

The Tribal Working Group is committed to ensuring New Mexico tribes are actively part of the historic broadband initiatives that will enhance tribal communities' access to education, healthcare and economic development. You are invited to join the meetings.

### **Become a Member!**

If you are interested in becoming a member of the [Tribal Working Group](#), please send an email to: [connectnmcouncil@state.nm.us](mailto:connectnmcouncil@state.nm.us). In the body of your email, please include a brief statement of interest, including your experience relating to the work group's mission. Also, let us know how best to contact you about the status of your membership request. The Council appreciates your interest!



## **Connect New Mexico Connecting Our Communities**

Connect New Mexico is a community-driven and community-focused resource to gather and share benchmark data and support local and regional community efforts to plan, fund, and implement broadband initiatives that provide reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband for all in New Mexico.

They honor the many community organizations, agencies, and individuals working to support Broadband for New Mexico, and invite you to get involved.

### **Connect New Mexico Council Working Groups**

- Connect New Mexico Grant Program
- Digital Equity & Inclusion (Chair: Eli Guinnee)
- Mapping, Data & Evaluation (Chair: Peter Mantos)
- Regional Planning & Community Engagement (Chair: Katherine Crociata)
- Tribal Working Group (Chair: Godfrey Enjady)
- Permits, Poles, and Attachments (Chair: Ovidiu Viorica)

If you are interested in becoming a member of any of these groups, e-mail: [connectnmcouncil@state.nm.us](mailto:connectnmcouncil@state.nm.us).

Check out their [website](#), and sign up for the [newsletter](#)!

## **New Mexico Tribal Broadband**

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