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Dear Reader:

This Environmental Assessment (EA), DOI-BLM-NM-L000-2014-0034-EA, has been prepared to analyze the effects of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) issuance of a right-of-way (ROW) grant amendment to El Paso Electric (EPE) for the construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of power line access roads.

Collectively, the Project roads are commonly known as the Amrad to Artesia power line access roads. The BLM would amend EPE's current ROW authorization so that the Amrad to Artesia transmission line could be managed more effectively and efficiently. The proposed action would:

1. Improve existing access conditions to allow permanent access to Project facilities to accommodate transmission line maintenance vehicles and equipment.
2. Clear previously disturbed work areas around each existing transmission structure when required to facilitate structure maintenance or replacement.
3. Add access routes outside of the current ROW to its authorization.

Comments on the project must be submitted no later than **August 29, 2016**. There are several ways in which you can submit your comments on the Project:

- File your comments electronically by sending them to: [BLM NM LCDO Comments@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NM_LCDO_Comments@blm.gov) . Please include "Amrad-Artesia EA Comments" in the subject line of your email.
- Mail your comments to: "Amrad-Artesia EA, BLM Las Cruces District Office, ATTN: Anthony Hom, 1800 Marquess Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment - including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have questions on this proposal, please contact Anthony Hom, Realty Specialist, at (575) 525-4331 or by email at ahom@blm.gov. We appreciate your participation in this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ David L. Wallace

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1 Enclosure