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**Bureau of Land Management announces scoping meetings
for proposed San Juan Basin Energy Connect transmission project**

Westminster, CO, February 24, 2011 – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Farmington Field Office will host scoping meetings for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed San Juan Basin Energy Connect Transmission Line Project March 16-17, 2011. The dates and locations are as follows:

- **March 16, Farmington, NM**
Farmington Civic Center
200 W Arrington Street
Farmington, NM 87401
10:00am – 1:00pm
- **March 16, Aztec, NM**
Aztec Senior Center
101 S. Park
Aztec, NM 87415
4:00pm-7:00pm
- **March 17, Ignacio, CO**
Sky Ute Casino and Resort
14324 US Highway 172 N.
Ignacio, CO 81137
4:00-7:00pm

The scoping meetings will serve as an opportunity to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement being prepared by the Bureau of Land Management Farmington Field Office. All interested parties are invited to attend the public scoping meetings to learn about the federal review process and discuss details of the proposed project. Participants can attend the open house at their convenience as no formal presentation will be given.

For further information, contact BLM's Project Manager, Marcy Romero, by phone at 505-599-6339, or write to her at 1235 La Plata Highway Suite A, Farmington, New Mexico 87401.

You may submit comments related to the scope of the San Juan Basin Energy Connect Project EIS by any of the following methods:

- Web site: <http://www.sjbenergyconnect.com>
- E-mail: info@sjbenergyconnect.com or
- Mail: Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office, Attention: San Juan Basin Energy Connect Project Manager, 1235 La Plata Highway Suite A, Farmington, New Mexico 87401.

Comments must be received in writing by the BLM on or before April 1, 2011. For more information on the project, visit www.sjbenergyconnect.com.

About Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association

Based in Westminster, Colorado, Tri-State supplies wholesale power throughout a 250,000-square-mile service territory to 18 electric cooperatives in Colorado, 12 in New Mexico, eight in Wyoming and six in western Nebraska. The 44 co-ops, in turn, provide electricity to more than 600,000 meters – which translates to a population of approximately 1.4 million end-use consumers.

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