

Appendix I Agency Resolutions

CITY OF DEMING, NEW MEXICO
RESOLUTION NO. 09-25

WHEREAS, the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project (SunZia) is proposing to construct up to two high voltage 500 kV transmission lines and related interconnecting substations within an area lying between central Arizona and central New Mexico, which will provide new delivery capacity for renewable energy resources, primarily wind, solar, and geothermal projects in new Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, New Mexico is rich in these renewable energy resources and state and local communities stand to benefit greatly from the creation of new jobs, economic development and resulting revenues for the necessary provision of local governmental services; and,

WHEREAS, New Mexico's renewable energy development resources are located primarily in the central and southern parts of the state where available transmission capacity is extremely limited, and SunZia will provide from 3,000 to 4,500 megawatts of needed transmission capacity; and,

WHEREAS, renewable energy projects are good for the environment and help to minimize our dependence upon foreign oil, reduce air pollution and diversify energy generation sources; and,

WHEREAS, SunZia has submitted a right-of-way application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the project and BLM is currently preparing an Environmental Impact Statement Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); and,

WHEREAS, the EIS will provide a detailed analysis of potential environmental impacts of the project and a range of mitigation measures to such impacts, including reasonable routing alternatives; and,

WHEREAS, the BLM has conducted nine public scoping meetings throughout SunZia's study area, including Luna County, and has held meetings to request public input and identify possible issues of concern that may result from the project; and,

WHEREAS, SunZia has recently expanded the project study area and the BLM will conduct three additional meetings to solicit additional public input; and,

WHEREAS, the BLM is seeking comments on specific issues and concerns related to alternative routes for the project's transmission facilities, affected environmental resources, or related matters; and,

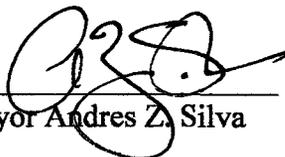
WHEREAS, statements from local governing bodies such as this City Council are very important to development of a complete record for the EIS.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Deming City Council supports the construction and operation of additional transmission infrastructure to provide capacity for the area's renewable energy projects; and

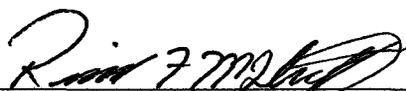
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Deming City Council urges all cooperating agencies to judiciously expedite the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project's Environmental Impact Statement to expand regional economic development opportunities in central and southwestern New Mexico, by creating the necessary transmission capacity to deliver these areas' renewable energy resources to Western customers and markets.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th day of October, 2009





Mayor Andres Z. Silva



Richard F. McInturff, Clerk

HIDALGO COUNTY

RESOLUTION 2009-59

WHEREAS, the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project (SunZia) is proposing to construct up to two high voltage 500 kv transmission lines and related interconnecting substations within an areas lying between central Arizona and central New Mexico, which will provide new delivery capacity for renewable energy resources, primarily wind, solar, and geothermal projects in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is rich in these renewable energy resources and state and local communities stand to benefit greatly from the creation of new jobs, economic development and resulting revenues for the necessary provision of local governmental services; and,

WHEREAS, New Mexico's renewable energy development resources are located primarily in the central and southern parts of the state where available transmission capacity is extremely limited, and SunZia will provide from 3,000 to 4,500 megawatts of needed transmission capacity; and,

WHEREAS, renewable energy projects are good for the environment and help to minimize our dependence upon foreign oil, reduce pollution and diversify energy generation sources; and

WHEREAS, SunZia has submitted a right-of-way application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the project and BLM is currently preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); and

WHEREAS, the EIS will provide a detailed analysis of potential environmental impacts of the project and a range of mitigation measures to such impacts, including reasonable routing alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the BLM has conducted nine public scoping meetings throughout SunZia's study area, including Hidalgo County, and has held meetings to request public input; and,

WHEREAS, SunZia has recently expanded the project study area and the BLM will conduct three additional meetings to solicit additional public input; and,

WHEREAS, the BLM is seeking comments on specific issues and concerns related to alternative routes for the project's transmission facilities, affected environmental resources, or related matters; and,

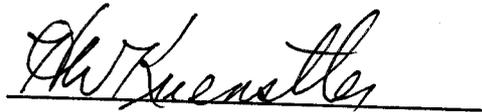
WHEREAS, statements from local governing bodies such as Hidalgo County are very important to the development of a complete record for the EIS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the board of Hidalgo County Commissioners support the construction and operation of additional transmission infrastructure to provide capacity for the area's renewable energy projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS urge all cooperating agencies to judiciously expedite the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project's Environmental Impact Statement to expand regional economic development opportunities in central and southwestern New Mexico, by creating the necessary transmission capacity to deliver these areas' renewable resources to Western customers and markets.

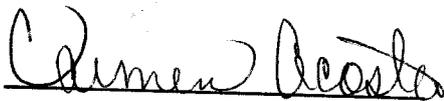
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2009.

ATTEST:



HAROLD KUENSTLER, CHAIR

HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSION



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**SIERRA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION No. 98-016**

**SIERRA COUNTY SUPPORT OF AN ALTERNATE ROUTE FOR THE SUN ZIA
TRANSMISSION LINE**

WHEREAS, SunZia Southwest Transmission Project (SunZia) proposes to build up to two high voltage 500 k V transmission lines between Arizona and New Mexico, which will provide new delivery capacity and paths for existing and developing renewable energy resources, primarily wind, solar, and geothermal projects in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is rich in renewable energy resources and state and local communities stand to benefit greatly from the creation of new jobs, economic development, and tax and other revenues; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's renewable energy development zones are located primarily in the central and southern parts of the state where transmission capacity is virtually nonexistent, and SunZia will provide approximately 3,000 to 4,500 megawatts of new transmission capacity; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy projects are good for the environment and help to minimize our dependence upon foreign sources of oil, reduce air pollution and diversify energy generation sources; and

WHEREAS, SunZia has submitted a right-of-way application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the SunZia project and BLM will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environment Policy Act of 1969;

WHEREAS, the EIS will provide a detailed analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and a range of reasonable routing alternatives, including mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, the BLM has conducted nine public scoping meetings throughout SunZia's study area, including Sierra County, and held meetings to request public input and identify possible issues of concern that may result from the Sun Zia project; and

WHEREAS, BLM seeks comments on specific issues and concerns related to alternative routes, potentially affected environmental resources or other related topics.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sierra County Board of Commissioners prefers SunZia's alternative route that traverses the Rio Grande River in the vicinity of Arrey, New Mexico, and travels northerly and parallel to the western boundary of the White Sands Missile Range;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Working in conjunction with the New Mexico Spaceport Authority thus avoiding any potential conflicts with space related activities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sierra County Board of Commissioners believes that such a routing for SunZia's transmission lines will result in less impact on the area's economic and environmental resources than would otherwise result from use by SunZia of the proposed route across the Rio Grande River at a point just north of US 380 and San Antonia, New Mexico;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sierra County Board of Commissioners urges the Department of the Army at White Sands Missile Range to act as a Cooperative Agency in the conduct of the SunZia EIS and assist with the provision of a right-of-way over Range property that would eliminate the possibility of any detrimental economic impact to proposed development near the Truth or Consequences Airport.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sierra County Board of Commissioners with these conditions as stated herein, endorses the construction and operation of the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project in Sierra County.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 20th day of August, 2009.

SOCORRO COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION № 2009-54
SOCORRO COUNTY SUPPORT OF AN ALTERNATE ROUTE FOR THE SUN ZIA
TRANSMISSION LINE

WHEREAS, SunZia Southwest Transmission Project (SunZia) proposes to build up to two high voltage 500 kV transmission lines between Arizona and New Mexico, which will provide new delivery capacity and paths for existing and developing renewable energy resources, primarily wind, solar, and geothermal projects in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is rich in renewable energy resources and state and local communities stand to benefit greatly from the creation of new jobs, economic development, and tax and other revenues; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's renewable energy development zones are located primarily in the central and southern parts of the state where transmission capacity is virtually nonexistent, and SunZia will provide approximately 3,000 to 4,500 megawatts of new transmission capacity; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy projects are good for the environment and help to minimize our dependence upon foreign sources of oil, reduce air pollution and diversify energy generation sources; and

WHEREAS, SunZia has submitted a right-of-way application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the SunZia project and BLM will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969*;

WHEREAS, the EIS will provide a detailed analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and a range of reasonable routing alternatives, including any mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, the BLM has conducted nine public scoping meetings throughout SunZia's study area, including significant parts of Socorro County, and held meetings to request public input and identify possible issues of concern that may result from the SunZia Project; and

WHEREAS, BLM seeks comments on specific issues and concerns related to alternative routes, potentially affected environmental resources, or other related topics.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Board of County Commissioners prefers SunZia's alternative route that traverses the Rio Grande River in the vicinity of Arrey, New Mexico, and travels northerly and parallel to the western boundary of the White Sands Missile Range;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners believes that such a routing for SunZia's transmission lines will result in less impact on the area's economic and environmental resources than would otherwise result from use by SunZia of the proposed route across the Rio Grande River at a point just north of US 380 and San Antonio, New Mexico;

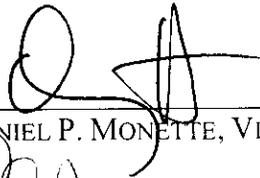
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners urges the Department of the Army at White Sands Missile Range to act as a Cooperating Agency in the conduct of the SunZia EIS and assist with the provision of a right-of-way over Range property that would eliminate the possibility of the economic and environmental impact to the riparian Bosque areas within the Rio Grande River crossing area north of San Antonio, New Mexico that is described above.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, with these conditions as stated herein, endorses the construction and operation of the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project in Socorro County;

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 28th day of July, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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RUMALDO J. GRIEGO



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REBECCA (BECKY) VEGA, COUNTY CLERK

