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Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District  
Attention: Bill Dunn  
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Redington Natural Resource Conservation District  
Attention: Andrew Smallhouse  
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Dear Mr. Dunn and Mr. Smallhouse:

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) New Mexico State Office has received your joint letter dated July 12, 2011, addressed to Mr. Adrian Garcia, Project Manager for SunZia Transmission Line Project. The letter was signed by both the Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District and the Redington Natural Resource Conservation District.

We appreciate your continued concern and the attention you have given to the proposed SunZia Transmission Line Project. You have requested that information contained in the BLM's scoping documents be corrected and another public scoping period for additional comments on the SunZia proposal. Through the ongoing public process surrounding the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) assessing the proposal, the BLM is seeking public and stakeholder input on a variety of issues, including the identification and resolution of discrepancies in the BLM data and information. See 40CFR 1502.9(a) and 40CFR 1503.

The BLM welcomes input from the public and stakeholders on all issues related to the SunZia proposal. The issues you raised in your letter concerning the discrepancies in data will be considered, and the concerns you raise will be addressed in the Draft EIS. The BLM does not plan to have an additional scoping period at this time because it would be duplicative of the protections to data quality in the ongoing National Environmental Policy Act process.

We thank both Natural Resource Conservation Districts for your continued interest in the SunZia Transmission Line project, and encourage you to submit additional comments when the Draft EIS is released. The BLM will fully consider and respond to all stakeholder comments as it works toward the preparation of the Final EIS.

Please contact BLM Project Manager Adrian Garcia at (505) 954-2199 if you have any questions, or you may contact our BLM Tucson Field Manager Brian Bellew at (520) 258-7201.

Sincerely,



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Acting State Director

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