



**SIERRA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 110-008**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR SUNZIA SOUTHWEST
TRANSMISSION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Sierra County Board of Commissioners met upon notice of meeting duly published at the Sierra County Administration Building, 855 Van Patten, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico 87901 on July 27, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Sierra exercises the powers of the County as a body politic and corporate pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 4-38-1(1884); and,

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) issued a Notice of Intent on June 4, 2021 for the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project composed of two planned 500 kilovolt (KV) transmission lines located across approximately 520 miles of Federal, State, and private lands between central New Mexico and central Arizona. The transmission lines will provide new transmission capacity for electrical energy resources, particularly solar and wind renewable energy resources, that can be developed in Sierra County and other counties in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, SunZia is proposing certain route modifications to their Preferred Alternative Route (PAR) granted earlier by the BLM. The route modification being the result of discussions and input with various stakeholders including White Sands Missile Range (WSMR), Fish and Wildlife, State Agencies, Counties and private property owners; and,

WHEREAS, New Mexico's best undeveloped solar and wind energy resources are located primarily in southern and central counties in New Mexico where available transmission capacity is limited-to-nonexistent; and,

WHEREAS, the creation of new electrical transmission capacity for renewable electrical energy will provide for much needed employment and new revenues for New Mexico and its local entities; and,

WHEREAS, the Sierra County Commission has provided support in the past including directed letters and Resolutions.

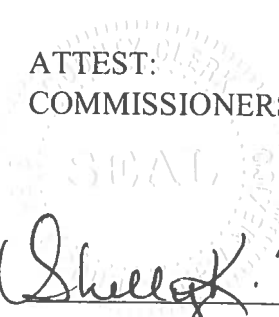
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sierra County Commission fully supports the construction and operation of the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project to provide capacity for renewable energy projects in New Mexico creating new employment and revenue for the State of New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sierra County Commission urges the Bureau of Land Management to expedite the amendment to the existing prior Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a Record of Decision and subsequent Environmental Assessment and Finding of No New Significant Impact.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 27 day of July, 2021

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SIERRA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ATTEST:
COMMISSIONERS



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Shelly Trujillo, County Clerk

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