

GRANT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
RESOLUTION NO. R-13-58

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has published the Final Environmental Impact Study (FEIS) on the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project (SunZia) to construct two high voltage 500 kV transmission lines which will provide new delivery capacity for renewable energy resources, primarily wind, solar, and geothermal projects in New Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, New Mexico and Grant County 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 (New Mexico State University Economic Impact Study) 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, Grant County has studied the FEIS and finds no negative impact with the route proposed by BLM; and,

WHEREAS, the FEIS has provided a detailed analysis of potential environmental impacts after five years of input and study of the project with a range of mitigation measures to such impacts, including reasonable routing alternatives; and,

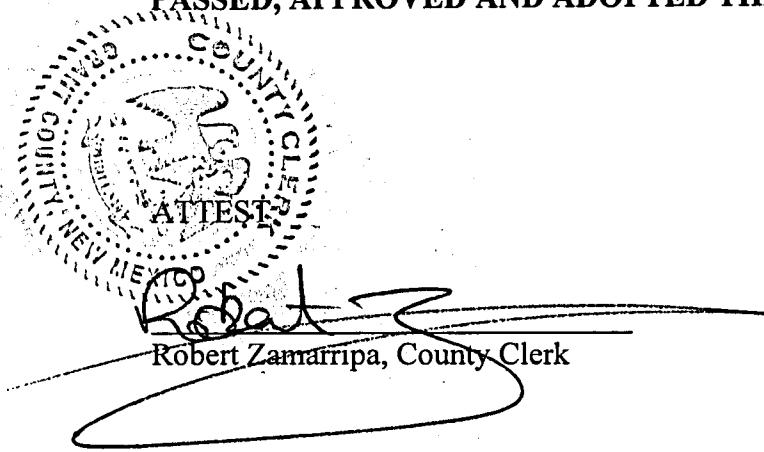
WHEREAS, statements from local governing bodies such as Grant County are very important to development of a complete record for the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grant County Commission fully supports the construction and operation of the SunZia transmission infrastructure to provide capacity for the area's renewable energy projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grant County Commission urges the BLM and all cooperating agencies to judiciously expedite the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project's Record of Decision.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 27th day of August, 2013.


Brett Kasten, Chair


Robert Zamarripa, County Clerk