

GRANT COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. R-12-11

Whereas, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a Federal Implementation Plan for reducing visibility impacts from manmade pollution on nearby national parks and wilderness areas,

Whereas, the EPA's Federal Implementation Plan includes a Best Available Retrofit Technology determination for the San Juan Generating Station requiring Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) technology at all four of the plant's coal-fired electric generating units,

Whereas, PNM, the majority owner and operator of San Juan Generating Station, estimates SCR technology on all four units would cost in excess of \$750 million,

Whereas, the New Mexico Environment Department has a State Implementation Plan with the EPA that would require Non-selective Non Catalytic Reduction Technology (SNCR) at all four of the plant's coal-fired electric generating units,

Whereas, the State Implementation Plan meets all federal Regional Haze standards while requiring new technology costing an estimated \$77 million to install at San Juan Generating Station – approximately one-tenth the cost of the Federal Implementation Plan,

Whereas, the courts have made clear that states, and not EPA, have broad authority for determining the best approach for meeting regional haze reduction requirements,

Whereas, the San Juan Generating Station and San Juan Coal Mine that supplies the plant are major employers and revenue sources for the Four Corners economy,

Whereas, the full economic impact of the EPA's proposed Federal Implementation Plan is not known,

Now therefore be it resolved, the Board of Grant County Commissioners supports the New Mexico's proposed State Implementation Plan and calls on the EPA to reconsider and ultimately adopt the state plan in favor of the Federal Implementation Plan.

Be it further resolved, the Board of Grant County Commissioners requests New Mexico's federal Congressional delegation to intervene in this issue and encourage the EPA to grant an administrative stay in the matter to allow for the courts to consider EPA's determination of regional haze BART for San Juan.

Passed, Approved and Adopted by the Board of Grant County Commissioners this
23rd day of February, 2012.

Attest:


Brett Kasten, Commission Chairman


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County Clerk


Gabriel Ramos, Commissioner District 1


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