

**GRANT COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. R-23-13**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SOUTHLINE TRANSMISSION
PROJECT**

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Grant County Board of County Commissioners to create a business environment that is free of unnecessary bureaucratic roadblocks to economic development and to create an atmosphere that invites, welcomes and promotes economic development by both established businesses and new businesses in Grant County;

WHEREAS, the Southline Transmission Project is a proposed 280-mile transmission line running through Grant County, that will improve electric grid reliability and increase New Mexico's ability to export its wind and solar resources; and

WHEREAS, there are significant wind, solar, and battery storage projects that may be developed in Grant County as a result of the Southline Transmission Project in addition to a new substation; and

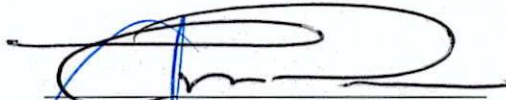
WHEREAS, the project has secured all major regulatory approvals and is now seeking funding support from the Department of Energy in order to commercialize the project and start construction in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Grant County Board of County Commissioners supports this project that seeks to improve the lives of the citizens of Grant County through employment opportunities, construction and the purchase of goods and services in Grant County associated directly with the construction of the project, as well as through the development of renewable energy projects that will be enabled by the new transmission capacity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Grant County Board of County Commissioners, on behalf of employees and citizens of Grant County, that Grant County supports the Southline Transmission Project and encourages the Department of Energy to support the Southline Transmission Project to ensure it can commence construction and operations.

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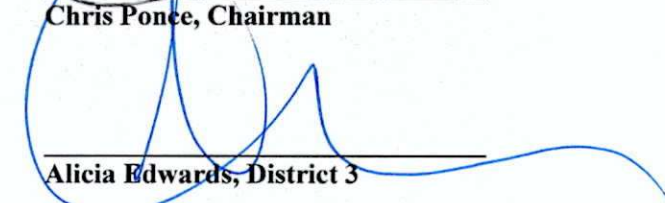
APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 9th day of February 2023.



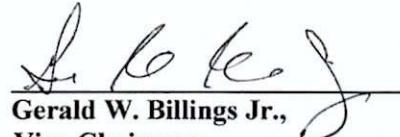
Chris Ponce, Chairman



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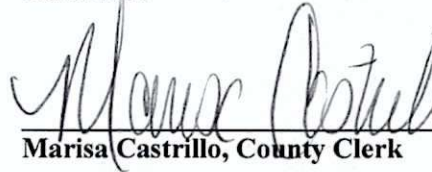


**Gerald W. Billings Jr.,
Vice-Chairman**



Harry Browne, District 5

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Marisa Castrillo, County Clerk

