

**LUNA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
OF THE SUNZIA TRANSMISSION LINE
RESOLUTION NO 13-39**

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 Luna County are 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 for the necessary provision of local governmental services in Luna County; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's renewable energy development resources are located primarily in the central and southwestern parts of the state where available transmission capacity is extremely limited, and SunZia will provide from 3,000 to 4,500 megawatts of additional needed transmission capacity; 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, based on the recommendation of the Natural Resources Committee, Luna County supports the concept of a utility corridor so that present and future proposed projects are directed through the same location; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Luna 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 Luna 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 8th day of August, 2013.

ATTEST:


Andrea Rodriguez, County Clerk

LUNA COUNTY


R. Javier Diaz, Chairman
