



RESOLUTION NO. 2010-40

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
SUNZIA SOUTHWEST TRANSMISSION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project (SunZia) proposes to construct up to two high voltage 500 kV electrical transmission lines and related interconnecting substations within an area lying between central Arizona and central New Mexico, which will provide new delivery capacity for existing and developing renewable energy resources, primarily wind, solar and geothermal projects in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico 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 from taxes and the necessary provision of local governmental services; and

WHEREAS, the existence of SunZia creates an opportunity for the development and construction of future wind and solar generation projects and related jobs that would otherwise not occur without transmission lines; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy projects are good for the environment and help to minimize our dependence upon foreign oil, reduce air pollution and diversify energy generation sources;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this County Commission encourages the development of renewable energy generation and transmission projects in the state of New Mexico, and when possible specifically within Torrance County; and

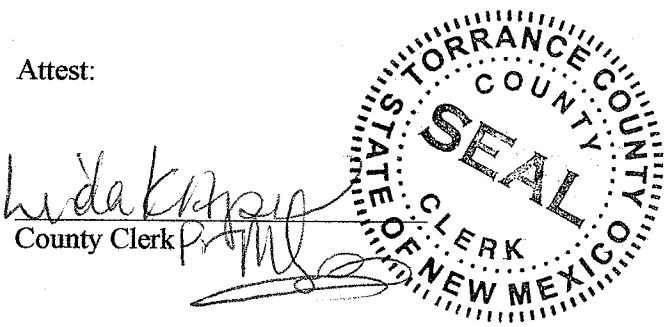
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this County Commission supports the construction and operation of the SunZia project and additional transmission infrastructure to provide capacity for New Mexico's renewable energy projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this County Commission encourages Senator Bingaman, Senator Udall, Congressman Heinrich, Congressman Lujan and Congressman Teague to take necessary actions to facilitate the implementation of national policies and federal legislation that favor the development of regional renewable energy generation and transmission projects.

DONE, this 13th day of September 2010.

TORRANCE COUNTY COMMISSION

Attest:



County Clerk

Priscilla M. Hidalgo

James Frost
James Frost, Chairman

Tito Chavez
Paul M. (Tito) Chavez, Member

Venessa C. Gutierrez
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