

FIELD REPORT
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Development Activities

The Socorro County Commission approved a resolution that helps the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project explore the possibility of a route change outside of the White Sands Missile Range Northern Call Up Area. It also promotes an alternative route that potentially moves the river crossing to a site north of Socorro County, adjacent to the proposed Western Spirit transmission line. Review a copy of the resolution here <https://tinyurl.com/yy2gzqmr>

Introducing the New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority (RETA)

New Mexico RETA was created by New Mexico lawmakers to facilitate the development of electric transmission and storage projects. Their goal is to implement the transmission infrastructure needed for renewable energy development across New Mexico, for both in-state utility customers and export markets. To learn more about their projects and renewable energy in New Mexico, visit <https://nmreta.com>.



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Power Lines Key to New Mexico Becoming A Renewable Leader

NM RETA released findings from a landmark New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission and Storage Study that explores the state's renewable capabilities.

The study cites that the New Mexico renewable energy industry lacks sufficient electricity transmission and that "strategic expansion of power line networks is needed to tap into the extensive wind and solar resources available for development."

The study indicates that there is an opportunity for up to \$11 Billion in private investment in New Mexico's renewable energy and transmission infrastructure. A grid modernization effort featuring 900-to-1,300 miles of high voltage transmission lines is needed, in parallel with an unprecedented expansion of New Mexico renewable energy development. The study demonstrated an astounding amount of development would be possible: 11,500 megawatts (MW). It is estimated this tremendous investment in clean electricity would create 3,700 construction jobs; an additional 600 to 800 jobs would permanently exist beyond 2032.

A copy of the report can be downloaded here <https://nmreta.com/nm-ret-a-storage-study/>

\$9 - \$11 Billion 900 – 1,300 Miles



Total Private Investment



New High Voltage Transmission Lines

3,700 Jobs



Up to 3,700 at Peak
Plus 600 to 800 Permanent

11,500 MW



Total Renewable Capacity in New Mexico



We're Building a Clean Energy Future

SunZia is a 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission project dedicated to clean energy. It is one of the largest interstate transmission lines of its kind - designed to transport up to 4,500 MW (megawatts) of clean energy from the wind and solar-rich areas of New Mexico and Arizona to customers across the West.

SunZia is helping make renewable energy the next great industry — benefiting local landowners, states, cities and towns while creating jobs and helping the environment.

SunZia is Clean Energy — SunZia is the Future.



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