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June 30, 2021

Adrian Garcia
SunZia Project Manager
Bureau of Land Management
301 Dinosaur Trail
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Re: SunZia Southwest Transmission Project Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Adrian Garcia:

It is our understanding (Sierra County) that the BLM is studying alternative routes for the SunZia Transmission lines. We have supported the project in the past and have heard favorable comments from other New Mexico Officials. This project has studied many miles of alternative routes and has compromised in many areas to accommodate most issues. Sierra County will continue to support this project in the future.

We welcome any and all supplemental revenues created by this transmission project and also the potential generation projects in area. New Mexico is limited with access to a thorough electrical grid and the SunZia project will only enhance our State's ability to move electricity where needed and create more access to electrical transmission.

Sierra County and the State of New Mexico will need new sources of revenues and a transmission line such as SunZia should be welcomed by all. We welcome the SunZia project and encourage BLM to approve its route especially. Thank you for this opportunity and for your favorable consideration of the SunZia project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Serina Bartoo".
Serina Bartoo
Interim County Manager