

SUNZIA SOUTHWEST TRANSMISSION PROJECT



PROJECT UPDATE

FOR THE

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SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

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September 3, 2010

Brigadier General John S Regan
White Sands Missile Range
ATTN: CSTE-DTC-WS-BD-M, Building 100
WSMR, NM 88002

Dear General Regan:

I write regarding the pending SunZia project and its impact on White Sands Missile Range (WSMR). I understand that the location of transmission lines, like those planned by SunZia, is a legitimate concern, but I respectfully ask that you work with the project directors, the Bureau of Land Management, and the State of New Mexico to find a routing solution that is acceptable to all interested parties.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I support our military and will continue to do so. I also recognize that the state of New Mexico is in a unique geographical position and has access to world-class wind and solar resources. Landowners in my district are depending on the development of this transmission line to build wind energy projects in central New Mexico. However, these renewable resources will not be developed until transmission lines are built to connect the remote resources in New Mexico to population centers like Phoenix, Arizona and Los Angeles, California.

As you know, the SunZia Transmission Project is the subject of an ongoing Bureau of Land Management review under the National Environmental Policy Act. WSMR is participating in that process as a cooperating agency. I encourage you and WSMR to lend your considerable expertise to make the eventual environmental impact statement as robust and informative as possible. I am committed to protecting the military from development encroachments that would compromise a given installation's mission, but I also believe that it is important for WSMR to work diligently to identify ways to minimize the impact of the SunZia project on missions at the missile range so that the transmission line can be built in a location that also limits damage to critical natural resources along the Rio Grande.

I am confident that a cooperative process involving all interested parties can identify a transmission route that does not unnecessarily interfere with WSMR's mission. I urge you and your staff to make every effort to identify ways to reduce the impact of SunZia on your mission while allowing the transmission line to follow a viable route that meets the needs of other land users in the region.

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In doing so, you will not only be able to continue conducting your critical mission on the largest military installation in the United States, but you will help strengthen our national security by lessening our energy dependence on countries overseas.

Please keep me informed of your efforts in this area and let me know if there is any way I can help.

Sincerely,



MARTIN HEINRICH
Member of Congress



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

November 23, 2009

The Honorable Ken Salazar
Secretary of the Interior
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240-0002

Dear Honorable Secretary Salazar:

Thank you for your efforts to advance the development of renewable energy resources in the United States. The transformation of the nation's energy economy toward a low-carbon future is among the most urgent challenges we confront and the State of New Mexico stands ready to do its part in this transformation.

New Mexico is blessed with an abundance of world-class renewable energy resources. The development of those resources – including wind, solar, and geothermal – will enable New Mexico to diversify its fossil fuel-based energy economy. Our state has adopted a number of incentives to stimulate such development including a 20% by 2020 renewable portfolio standard and a renewable energy production tax credit. Because we need expanded electricity transmission capacity to move renewable energy produced here to markets outside the state, we also created the nation's first renewable energy transmission authority to help address transmission constraints in our state and the region.

The Bureau of Land Management is leading an extensive environmental review for the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project. SunZia is proposing a 500-kilovolt interstate transmission project that will provide up to 3,000 megawatts of needed transmission capacity from New Mexico to Western markets and customers. SunZia is the leading proposed transmission project that could provide access to the state's valuable wind and solar resources currently stranded due to lack of transmission capacity.

The BLM's environmental review of SunZia's proposed 460-mile route is considering over 2,000-miles of alternate routes within its study area in order to find the most appropriate route with the protections needed for Wilderness Study Areas, the Rio Grande Bosque, and other concerns. The environmental review of this project is well under way, and the time has come for a collaborative process with stakeholders including landowners, conservation and environmental groups, state and county government entities, and federal agencies including the Department of

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Defense, meeting with the developers. Together, we must ensure that the legal and regulatory processes that protect our environment can also produce a successful decision for an important project in a timely manner.

I pledge the State of New Mexico's full cooperation in BLM's environmental review of SunZia. I believe this project may bring significant benefits to New Mexico, the West, and the country. Please include this letter in the record of the environmental review of SunZia's project.

Sincerely,



Bill Richardson
Governor of New Mexico

BR/fl

cc: Linda Rundell, BLM New Mexico State Director



Guadalupe County Commission

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RICHARD L. CHAVEZ
VICE-CHAIRMAN

JAMES "BOZO" CORDOVA
MEMBER



GUADALUPE COUNTY RESOLUTION 09-2010-49

DECLARING SUPPORT OF THE SUNZIA SOUTHWEST TRANSMISSION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project (SunZia) proposed 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, economics development and resulting revenues from taxes and the necessary provision of local governmental services; and

WHEREAS, in particular, parts of Counties of De Baca, Guadalupe, Lincoln and Torrance have wind that tests as high as 8.5 to 9.5 on a 10 points scales; and

WHEREAS, the private landowners in that area recognize the quality of their wind and are actively seeking to contract with wind farm developers to develop wind farms on their land; and

WHEREAS, at this point in time more than 750,000 acres of primarily private lands are being offered for wind farm development and based on an average of 4 wind towers per square mile of land, 4,500 to 5,000 wind towers could reasonably be installed in that 4 county area; and

WHEREAS, if this area is fully developed to capacity, it is easily capable of generating 4,500 megawatts of power if 1 megawatt towers are installed and as high as 15,000 megawatts of power if 3 megawatts towers are installed; and

WHEREAS, these 4 counties and the small rural villages located within these 4 county area (Forts Sumner, Yeso, Vaughn, Encino, Willard, Duran, Corona, Moriarty, Pastura and Santa Rosa) through economic development, taxes, new housing, new jobs, and new businesses relocating to the area, stand to gain in the ten's of millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, SunZia's proposed transmission lines will provide from 3,000 to 4,500 megawatts of badly needed transmission capacity; and

WHEREAS, the existence of SunZia facilitates the development and construction of already planned wind and solar generation projects and related jobs in the 4 county area that would otherwise cannot 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; and

WHEREAS, SunZia has submitted a right-of-way application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the project and BLM is currently preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); and

WHEREAS, the EIS will provide a detailed analysis of potential environmental impacts of the project and a range of mitigation measures to such impacts, including reasonable routing alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the BLM has conducted nine (9) public scoping meetings in New Mexico and fourteen (14) total scoping meetings throughout SunZia's study area, has expanded the project study area and extended the length of the initial scoping period to address initial public comments and has held other community meetings to request public input and identify possible issues of concern that may result from the project; and

WHEREAS, the BLM is seeking comments on specific issues and concerns related to alternative routes for the project's transmission facilities, affected environmental resources, or related matters; and

WHEREAS, statements from local governing bodies such as this County Commission are very important to development of a complete record for the EIS and further, the Guadalupe County Commission would urge the expeditious completion of the EIS and siting issues regarding the SunZia Transmission line; and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Guadalupe County Board of Commissioners endorses the construction and operation of the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project and urges all cooperating agencies to judiciously expedite SunZia's EIS in order to expand regional economic development opportunities in New Mexico, by creating the necessary transmission capacity to deliver New Mexico renewable energy resources to western customers and markets; and

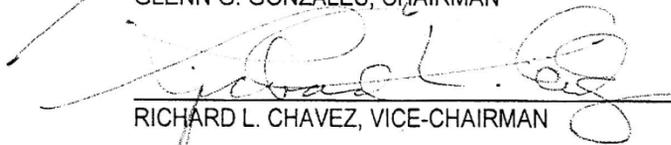
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Guadalupe County Commission requests Senator Jeff Bingaman, Senator Tom Udall, Congressman Martin Heinrich, Congressman Ben Lujan and Congressman Harry Teague to take necessary actions to facilitate the implementation of the SunZia Transmission Lines and similar renewable energy projects in the state of New Mexico through the creation and support of national policies and federal legislation that favor the development of regional renewable energy generation and transmission projects.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED on this 15th day of September, 2010.

GUADALUPE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



GLENN G. GONZALES, CHAIRMAN

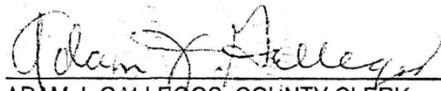


RICHARD L. CHAVEZ, VICE-CHAIRMAN



JAMES "BOZO" CORDOVA, MEMBER

ATTEST:



ADAM J. GALLEGOS, COUNTY CLERK



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

James Frost
James Frost, Chairman

Tito Chavez
Paul M. (Tito) Chavez, Member

Venessa Chavez-Gutierrez, Member

Attest:

County Clerk



VILLAGE OF FORT SUMNER

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-18

Declaring Support of 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, New Mexico's renewable energy development resources are located primarily in the central and southern part of the state where available transmission capacity is extremely limited, and Sun Zia will provide from 3,00 to 4,500 megawatts of needed transmission capacity; 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; and

WHEREAS, SunZia has submitted a right-of-way application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the project and BLM is currently preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); and

WHEREAS, the EIS will provide a detailed analysis of potential environmental impacts of the project and a range of mitigation measures to such impacts, including reasonable routing alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the BLM has conducted nine public scoping meetings in New Mexico and fourteen total scoping meetings throughout SunZia's study area, has expanded the project study area and extended the length of the initial scoping period to address initial public comments, and has held other community meetings to request public input and identify possible issues of concern that may result from the project; and

WHEREAS, the BLM is seeking comments on specific issues and concerns related to alternative routes for the project's transmission facilities, affected environmental resources, or related matters; and

WHEREAS, statements from local governing bodies such as this Village's Mayor and Council are very important to development of a complete record for the EIS.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fort Sumner Mayor and Village Council encourage the development of renewable energy generation and transmission projects in the state of New Mexico, and when possible specifically within the Village of Fort Sumner and De Baca County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Village's Mayor and Council support the construction and operation of additional transmission infrastructure to provide capacity for New Mexico's renewable energy projects; and

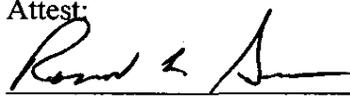
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Village of Sumner endorse the construction and operation of the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project, and urge all cooperating agencies to judiciously expedite SunZia's EIS in order to expand regional economic development opportunities in New Mexico, by creating the necessary transmission capacity to deliver New Mexico's renewable energy resources to western customers and markets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Village of Fort Sumner implore Senator Bingaman, Senator Udall, Congressman Heinrich, Congressman Lujan and Congressman Teague to take necessary actions to facilitate the implementation of SunZia and similar renewable energy projects in the state of New Mexico through the creation and support of national policies and federal legislation that favor the development of regional renewable energy generation and transmission projects.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 13th day of September, 2010.



Windell Bridges, Mayor

Attest:


Ronald L. Sena, Clerk



County of De Baca
Office of County Commissioners
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DE BACA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2011-10
Declaring Support of 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, in particular, parts of the Counties of De Baca, Guadalupe, Lincoln and Torrance have wind that tests as high as 8.5 to 9.5 on a 10 point scale; and

WHEREAS, the private landowners in that area recognize the quality of their wind and are actively seeking to contract with wind farm developers to develop wind farms on their land; and

WHEREAS, at this point in time more than 750,000 acres of primarily private lands are being offered for wind farm development; and based on an average of 4 wind towers per square mile of land, 4,500 to 5,000 wind towers could reasonably be installed in that 4 county area; and

WHEREAS, if this area is fully developed to capacity, it is easily capable of generating 4,500 megawatts of power if 1 megawatt towers are installed, and as high as 15,000 megawatts of power if 3 megawatt towers are installed; and

WHEREAS, these 4 counties and the small rural villages located within this 4 county area (Fort Sumner, Yeso, Vaughan, Encino, Willard, Duran, Corona, Moriarty, Pastura, and Santa Rosa) through economic development, taxes, new housing, new jobs, and new businesses relocating to the area, stand to gain in the 10s of millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the transmission lines that SunZia proposes to build has its starting point in the Corona area and is no further than about 100 miles from any point in this wind rich area 4 county area; and

WHEREAS, SunZia's proposed transmission lines will provide from 3,000 to 4,500 megawatts of badly needed transmission capacity; and

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WHEREAS, the existence of SunZia facilitates the development and construction of already planned wind and solar generation projects and related jobs in this 4 county area that would otherwise cannot occur without transmission lines; and

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WHEREAS, statements from local governing bodies such as this County Commission are very important to development of a complete record for the EIS, and FURTHER, the De Baca County Commission would urge the expeditious completion of the EIS and siting issues regarding the SunZia Transmission line; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the De Baca County Board of Commissioners encourages the development of renewable energy generation and transmission projects in the state of New Mexico, and when possible specifically within De Baca County; and

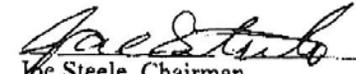
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the De Baca County Commission supports the construction and operation of additional transmission infrastructure to provide capacity for New Mexico's renewable energy projects; and

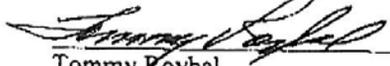
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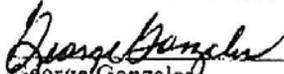
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the De Baca County Commission implores Senator Bingaman, Senator Udall, Congressman Heinrich, Congressman Lujan and Congressman Teague to take necessary actions to facilitate the implementation of the SunZia Transmission Lines and similar renewable energy projects in the state of New Mexico through the creation and support of national policies and federal legislation that favor the development of regional renewable energy generation and transmission projects.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 24 day of Aug., 2010.

DE BACA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Joe Steele, Chairman
Commissioner, District 1


Tommy Koybal
Commissioner, District 2


George Gonzalez
Commissioner, District 3

*Guadalupe Livestock Producers Organization
P.O. Box 119
Santa Rosa, NM 88435*

August 13, 2010

Senator Jeff Bingamon
Suite 130
625 Silver Avenue, SW
Albuquerque NM 87102

Dear Senator Jeff Bingamon,

I am writing on behalf of our Guadalupe County Livestock Producers Organization's landowners. Our organization represents over forty landowners with over 150,000 acres in Guadalupe County, which comprises the areas of Santa Rosa, Milagro, Newkirk, Cuervo, Puerto de Luna, Anton Chico and Colonias. Several of these communities lie along I-40 on the eastern part of the state.

We strongly support Sun Zia's proposed construction of a transmission line going through Southwestern New Mexico.

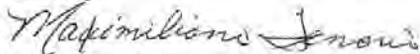
We welcome and encourage entities such as Sun Zia that will bring in economic development into New Mexico. Sun Zia's proposed transmission line will definitely help transporting renewable energy out of our state. As I am sure you know Guadalupe County is basically made up of ranching and small farming communities. Our County is economically disadvantaged, and until recent years we could not envision our County becoming a major producer of any product or service, outside the tourists and livestock industry. However, demand for green energy has changed our outlook. The fact that we are located in a unique geographical location, a wind and solar zone that has the potential of producing perpetual energy from wind and solar, has given us a different outlook. Guadalupe County can be a mayor player in our country's ever-growing need for clean energy and in creating jobs that are directly related to the energy industry, as well as jobs and salary increases created from the spin-offs of these energy projects. The landowners from Guadalupe County can have a secured income versus being at the mercy of our weather elements and the unstable price of livestock.

Another feature that we appreciate of the Sun Zia project, as was explained to us in a Guadalupe County Commissioner's meeting recently, is that this transmission line will also be conventional energy friendly. We the GCLPO landowners feel that the United States needs conventional and renewable green energy, if we are to continue being a super power country.

Generation and transportation of green energy from Guadalupe County to the large consumers will create the option for our children to get educated and find employment in New Mexico, perhaps some even in the ranching business. This Sun Zia project offers the opportunity.

Gentlemen, we the landowners of Guadalupe County Livestock Producers Organization urge you to support Sun Zia in their endeavor to realize their venture.

Sincerely,



Maximiliano G. Tenorio
GCLPO Chairman

Guadalupe Livestock Producers Organization
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August 13, 2010

Senator Tom Udall
219 Central Ave NW
Suite 210
Albuquerque NM 87102

Dear Senator Tom Udall,

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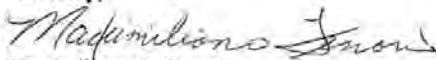
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Maximiliano G. Tenorio
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August 13, 2010

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2nd Congressional District of New Mexico
135 W. Griggs
Las Cruces, NM 88001

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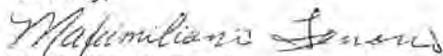
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Gentlemen, we the landowners of Guadalupe County Livestock Producers Organization urge you to support Sun Zia in their endeavor to realize their venture.

Sincerely,



Maximiliano G. Tenorio
GCLPO Chairman

Guadalupe Livestock Producers Organization
P.O. Box 119
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August 13, 2010

Congressman Martin Heinrich
2nd Congressional District of New Mexico
Downtown Albuquerque Office
20 First Plaza, NW, Suite 603
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Dear Congressman Heinrich,

I am writing on behalf of our Guadalupe County Livestock Producers Organization's landowners. Our organization represents over forty landowners with over 150,000 acres in Guadalupe County, which comprises the areas of Santa Rosa, Milagro, Newkirk, Cuervo, Puerto de Luna, Anton Chico and Colonias. Several of these communities lie along I-40 on the eastern part of the state.

We strongly support Sun Zia's proposed construction of a transmission line going through Southwestern New Mexico.

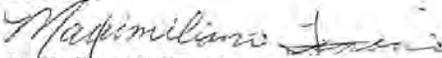
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September 14, 2010

Congressman Ben Ray Lujan
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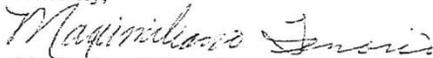
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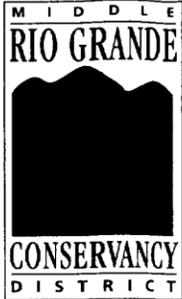
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Maximiliano G. Tenorio
GCLPO Chairman



June 28, 2010



The Honorable Jeff Bingaman
United States Senate
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Washington, DC 20510-3102

Dear Senator Bingaman:

As Chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District ("District") Board wanted to bring to your attention the District's significant concerns with two proposed corridors for the Sun Zia Southwest Transmission Project in Arizona and New Mexico ("Project"). It is our hope that you will lend your support for one of the alternate corridors proposed along White Sands Missile Range ("WSMR").

We are very concerned that the corridors proposed for the project near San Antonio and Belen would have a deleterious effect on District operations, its customers, and the wildlife along the Rio Grande. A copy of the District's full comments on the Project prepared as part of the "scoping" process for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") on the proposed rights-of-way for the Project near San Antonio is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Below is summary of the District concerns. Since the San Antonio right of way was proposed, the Project proponents have proposed a corridor near Belen which, from the District's perspective, is also great cause for concern.

The District provides irrigation water to nearly 12,000 constituents – from the outflow of Cochiti Reservoir to the north boundary of Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge ("Bosque del Apache"). The District spans approximately 150 river miles and all three New Mexico Congressional Districts. As you are well aware, critical habitat for two endangered species is located within the District boundaries– the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow and the Southwestern willow flycatcher. The District is also an important fly zone for numerous migratory bird species, including the Sandhill Cranes, Snow Geese, Ross Geese, Bald Eagles, Golden Eagles, Great Blue Herons, and many other species. Many of these birds rest on private property and the many wildlife sanctuaries along the Rio Grande including Bosque del Apache, Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge, Ladd S. Gordon Waterfowl Complex (Belen WFMA, Bernardo WFMA, Casa Colorada WFMA, and La Joya WFMA), and Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area.

The Project proponents have proposed two primary grants of right-of-way for the Project that are of great concern to the District. The first would require a power line easement 1,000 feet wide in the San Antonio area, immediately north of Bosque del Apache and the other would be near Belen. The District is concerned that either of these rights-of-way would disrupt agricultural production and private property ownership within the 1,000-foot right-of-way by bisecting the bosque, potentially damage the very sensitive endangered species' habitat, and disturb the migration of the numerous species traveling along the Rio Grande fly zone. As I'm sure you are aware, the Belen and San Antonio regions are economically depressed and taking more land out of production would further add to the economic hardships facing these communities. Furthermore, a host of evidence on the subject has created the perception that the Electric and Magnetic Fields ("EMFs") produced by power lines may contribute to various health problems including childhood leukemia, adult

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leukemia, brain cancer, miscarriage, and ALS. Because of this perception, exposing individuals along the Rio Grande to these potential health hazards will lower value of property in proximity to these power lines.

In order to avoid the host of problems associated with the San Antonio and Belen corridors proposed for the Project, the District is urging the consideration of one of several alternate routes, and respectfully requests that you join the District in this undertaking. The first alternate route would avoid bisecting District lands by crossing the Rio Grande near Derry, New Mexico, which is located south of Elephant Butte Reservoir and travelling east to near the western boundary of WSMR and then due north along the western boundary of WSMR and ending in Bingham, NM. Another alternate route travels through the extended area of the WSMR, which already has alternative public uses beyond national defense. We believe that either of these routes are by far the most preferable among the available alternatives.

It is in our constituents' best interests for public lands such as the WSMR to be used for the public purpose of transmitting electricity for the benefit of the public at large. This natural synergy should be exercised in this case. The principle that public property be used to advance a public purpose is particularly true where, as here, the less attractive alternative would result in placing a public power line over the private property of individuals who receive no corresponding benefit.

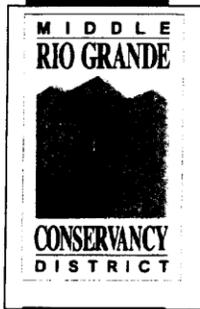
We know you promote the principle of protection of private property and share our concern with avoiding any negative socioeconomic, environmental, and human health effects that may result from the proposed rights-of-way for the project where public land is available to serve that same purpose. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Janet Jarratt
Chair
MRGCD Board of Directors

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Enclosure



**COMMENTS
OF THE
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**Scoping Comments on SunZia Southwest
Transmission Project in Arizona and New
Mexico**

**Bureau of Land Management
&
SunZia Southwest Transmission Project**

August 28, 2009

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RE: Scoping Comments on SunZia Southwest Transmission Project in Arizona and New Mexico

Following are Comments of the Board of Directors of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (“MRGCD”) to the Bureau of Land Management during the “scoping” process for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed grant of a right-of-way for the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project in Arizona and New Mexico.

The MRGCD Board of Directors appreciates the extended opportunity afforded by the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) to offer input during the NEPA scoping process to help identify issues and alternatives that need to be addressed in its Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”) for the proposed SunZia Southwest Transmission Project in Arizona and New Mexico (“SunZia Transmission Project”). Our comments include potential environmental, natural resource, public health and socioeconomic impacts that can be anticipated to affect MRGCD lands and irrigation works, and District constituents and irrigators. The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (“MRGCD” or “District”) is a political subdivision of the State of New Mexico, charged by statutory mandate with promoting agriculture within its boundaries, which extend along the Rio Grande from Cochiti Dam in the north to near Elephant Butte Reservoir in the south.

The MRGCD runs from north to south approximately 160 river miles with the Rio Grande at its center. The farmland extends between the mesas on each side. Adjacent to the river is one of the largest un-broken cottonwood and willow forests in the United States. Within this bosque are found wildlife and bird and fish species more specifically described below. It is the contiguity of that bosque forest that forms the central core of the ecosystem. The MRGCD also contains within its boundaries numerous Spanish and Mexican land grants and ancient acequia systems dating back hundreds of years. A particularly historic and unique area is the San Antonio area, where farmers have irrigated for centuries—a unique agricultural oasis south of the town of Socorro—literally a place of hope and water in a vast high mesa desert. The proposed parallel powerline easement discussed below will have an effective width of 1000 feet, when one considers there is no realistic possibility of any functional value between the two sets of lines. It is of great concern to the MRGCD that this easement would carve a 1000-foot wide strip and bisect the bosque forest, the agricultural productive lands and the cultural center of this region. These facts raise the question of whether in this time of re-thinking our methods for generation and distribution of energy, it would be useful to compare the value of localized energy production using clean technologies and smaller interlocking grids with the traditional methods of massive energy production with substantial localized

impacts and multiple miles of transmission lines affecting thousands of acres. For this reason, initially the Board would request that you consider this global issue first in making this review.

As noted above, the current Proposed Route location of the SunZia Transmission Project, as it appears on the BLM's "Land Ownership and Jurisdiction" map for the Project, would traverse MRGCD lands near San Antonio, New Mexico. The attendant consequences are described generally above, and more specifically below. This map also shows Alternate Routes for the Project, one of which avoids MRGCD lands by crossing the Rio Grande near Derry, south of Elephant Butte Reservoir, and proceeding east to near the western boundary of White Sands Missile Range ("WSMR"), then due north outside this western boundary. Another Alternate Route travels through the extended area of the WSMR, which has already incorporated alternative uses beyond national defense. These comments suggest that an Alternative Route should be followed to avoid the substantial impacts on the San Antonio area.

Siting and Eminent Domain Authority

The MRGCD is concerned that the right-of-way granted to SunZia Transmission, LLC could entail the exercise of federal eminent domain power, so that title to MRGCD or its constituents' lands or easements could be effectively condemned or otherwise taken by the federal government or the right-of-way grantee for this project. In the SunZia Transmission Project description in its public notice (74 Fed. Reg. 25,764), we could not find any reference to a potential designation of the Project's proposed route as a National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor, under Section 216 of the Federal Power Act and Section 1221 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, nor to the potential invocation of Section 1221 to preempt state siting and eminent domain authorities by federal authority. The prospect for preemptive federal action vis-à-vis non-federal lands and private lands should be thoroughly discussed, as this could determine the assurances offered to MRGCD constituents as to the preservation of their private property rights, and could affect regional property values. This discussion should also include the anticipated need for and scope of condemnation and easements for transmission line construction and maintenance, and the prospects for expansion of the currently proposed Project that would entail additional encroachments on private lands.

Also necessary are the BLM and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("FERC") current stances as to the implications of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals' decision in *Piedmont Environmental Council v. FERC*, Case Nos. 07-1651, et al. (Feb. 18, 2009) (see <http://pacer.ca4.uscourts.gov/opinion.pdf/071651.P.pdf>), which held that Section 216 did not confer the authority claimed by FERC to override state siting authority, and that FERC's regulations in this area had been promulgated without the necessary environmental review. It is important for the BLM to consider how and by whom individual siting decisions will be made, in order to evaluate potential environmental, natural resource and socioeconomic impacts of the Project.

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Wildlife Impacts

The San Antonio region, in which the Proposed Route would cross the Rio Grande and the adjacent bosque (cottonwood forest) is one of the Southwest's premier migratory bird habitats, situated just north of the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, which provides a critical refuge for Sandhill Cranes and thousands of Snow Geese and Ross Geese, as well as Bald Eagles, Golden Eagles, Great Blue Herons, and many other species. The EIS obviously needs to provide a detailed analysis of anticipated migratory bird habitat impacts, including bird deaths due to collisions with the transmission lines, based on the types of mitigation measures that will be required to address this problem in the San Antonio region. Could the presence of the transmission lines have any localized or even regional effect on these birds' migratory patterns, which might entail changes in how the Fish and Wildlife Service or other agencies manage their populations?

The Middle Rio Grande is also designated critical habitat for a bird species, the Southwestern willow flycatcher, and a fish species, the Rio Grande silvery minnow, listed under the Endangered Species Act. Both species are presumed to thrive in certain selective conditions, and it appears to be important for the silvery minnow in particular, to facilitate spawning and recruitment of young, to have available certain conditions, such as lateral floodplain habitat produced by overbanking. The EIS for the SunZia Transmission Project obviously needs to provide a detailed analysis of anticipated willow flycatcher deaths, as it will for the migratory species, due to collisions with the transmission lines based on the types of mitigation measures that will be required to address the bird impact problem in the San Antonio region. It will also need to address willow flycatcher habitat impacts in the immediate region. For the silvery minnow, the EIS needs to go beyond a cursory discounting of whatever the temporary construction impacts might be, to address how the structures and surrounding infrastructure for the SunZia Transmission Project may subtly modify the river habitat in the area, which could affect minnow population dynamics over a wider area.

Collateral Health and Resource Effects

We are aware that studies on the health effects of Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMFs), such as from transmission lines, have produced inconsistent conclusions. But at least some studies have suggested correlations between EMF exposures and higher incidences of childhood leukemia, adult leukemia, brain cancer, miscarriage, and ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease. See, e.g., State of California's study, *An Evaluation of the Possible Risks From Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMFs) From Power Lines, Internal Wiring, Electrical Occupations and Appliances* (2002), at <http://www.ehib.org/emf/RiskEvaluation/rjskeval.html>. We expect the EIS for the SunZia Transmission Project to address these possible health effects of transmission line siting near populated farming areas, including effects on residents and

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workers, farm animals and farm products, to quantify these risks as accurately as possible considering the various studies conducted, and to evaluate the potential risks avoided by alternate siting locations.

Preferable Alternative Route Available

Clearly, many of the complications of bisecting the historic village of San Antonio and the extensive cottonwood bosque through the MRGCD's boundaries, and the large expanses of private property and endangered species' critical habitat, could be avoided by selecting the indicated Alternate Route crossing the Northwest Quadrant of the extended area of WSMR, which is already the site of existing uses beyond national defense. Certainly, this discussion could be facilitated by involving the Department of Defense as a cooperating agency in the development of the federal analysis. The preferred route is reflected on the attached map as the eastern-most Alternate Route. All other relevant considerations among alternatives being roughly equal, it is incumbent on the agency conducting an EIS analysis to "[r]igorously explore and objectively evaluate all reasonable alternatives," 40 C.F.R. § 1502.14(a) and to "evaluate their comparative merits," 40 C.F.R. § 1502.14(b); that is, in order to further NEPA's substantive purposes, to select the alternative that is the least intrusive in terms of impacts on the natural and human environment. It appears clear that without any counterbalancing downside, this Alternate Route, which stays south and east of the Middle Rio Grande, would be preferable in avoiding significant potential environmental, natural resource, public health and socioeconomic impacts that can be anticipated to affect MRGCD lands and irrigation works, and District constituents and irrigators.

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Dear Senator Bingaman, Senator Udall, Congressman Heinrich, Congressman Lujan and Congressman Teague,

Many thanks to you and your staff for meeting with me and the leadership of the towns and cities of Deming, Grady, Corona, Luna and Hildago Counties to let you know how important the SunZia transmission project is to our economic future.

We think SunZia's importance to the development of our state's world class renewable resources is potentially being impeded by federal inter-agency politics. We think the development of our clean energy sources is important both for our national security and for the economic benefits to our economically challenged communities. We see clean-energy resource development as a chance for our children to stay on our farms and ranches and to live in the communities where we have been raised.

Without a development like Sun Zia, our economic future will remain cloudy.⁴

With so many alternative resources in the West, wind and solar companies will move to other states if New Mexico lacks the infrastructure to get this resource to market. In fact, LS Power recently decided against building a \$400-million solar project near Deming due to inadequate transmission infrastructure.

We have included a copy of the LS Power letter announcing their withdrawal from New Mexico due to lack of transmission capacity.

We are confident that the environmental review process will allow for the right choices to be made for the Sun Zia transmission line. We think existing military missions and the development of our energy resources can co-exist with careful mitigation. No federal agency should claim an exclusive "mission" in order to try and stop renewable development.

We need your help to ensure this project moves forward.

Our economic livelihood depends on it.

Yours Sincerely,



State Representative Dona Irwin – Luna County



Commissioner Richard Chaires - Hildalgo County Commission



Mayor Andres Silva – City of Deming

City Manager Richard McInturff- City of Deming



SOCORRO COUNTY SUPPORT OF AN ALTERNATE ROUTE FOR THE SUN ZIA
TRANSMISSION LINE

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WHEREAS, New Mexico is rich in renewable energy resources and our state, county and local communities stand to benefit greatly from the creation of new jobs, economic development, and tax and other revenues; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's renewable energy development zones are located primarily in the central and southern parts of the state where transmission capacity is virtually nonexistent, and SunZia will provide approximately 3,000 to 4,500 megawatts of new transmission capacity; and

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

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

WHEREAS, SunZia has submitted a right-of-way application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the SunZia project and BLM will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969*; and

WHEREAS, the EIS will provide a detailed analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and a range of reasonable routing alternatives, including any mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, BLM has expanded the original study area for consideration of alternative routes or sub-route segments; and

WHEREAS, BLM seeks comments on specific issues and concerns related to alternative routes, potentially affected environmental resources, or other related topics; and

WHEREAS, transmission line routes traveling along the I-25 and Rio Grande River corridors could adversely impact the wildlife, property values and the general aesthetic of those areas;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Board of County Commissioners only supports:

- SunZia's alternative routes that traverse the Rio Grande River in the vicinity of Arrey, New Mexico, and travels northerly and parallel to the western boundary of the White Sands Missile Range;
- SunZia's alternative routes that travels from the Deming, New Mexico site to the Southern border of White Sands Missile Range then northerly and parallel to the eastern boundary of the White Sands Missile Range;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners believes that such a routing for SunZia's transmission lines will result in less impact on the area's economic, environmental and wildlife resources than would otherwise result from use by SunZia of the proposed route across the Rio Grande River at a point just north of US 380 and San Antonio, New Mexico;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners opposes all alternate routes along I-25 corridor and the Rio Grande River valley without the presence of a feasibility study for the installation of underground transmission lines;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, with these conditions as stated herein, endorses the construction and operation of the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project in Socorro County;

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 22nd day of June, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

absent
 ROSALIND F. TRIPP, CHAIR
 PHILLIP ANAYA

DANIEL P. MONETTE, VICE-CHAIR
 RUMALDO J. GRIECO

JUAN JOSE GUTIERREZ

ATTEST BY:

REBECCA (BECKY) VEGA, COUNTY CLERK




A RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT OF THE
SUNZIA SOUTHWEST TRANSMISSION PROJECT

Whereas, the *SunZia Transmission Project* (SunZia) is proposing to construct up to two high voltage 500 k V transmission lines and related interconnecting substations, within an area lying between central Arizona and central New Mexico, which will provide new delivery capacity for 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 for the necessary provision of local governmental services; and

Whereas, New Mexico's renewable energy development resources are located primarily in the central and southern parts of the state where available transmission capacity is extremely limited, and SunZia will provide from 3,000 to 4,500 megawatts of needed transmission capacity; 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; and

Whereas, SunZia has submitted a right-of-way application to the *Bureau of Land Management* (BLM) for the project and BLM is currently preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); and

Whereas, the EIS will provide a detailed analysis of potential environmental impacts of the project and a range of mitigation measures of such impacts, including reasonable routing alternatives; and

Whereas, the BLM has conducted nine public scoping meetings throughout SunZia's study area , including Luna County, and has held meetings to request public input and identify possible issues of concern that may result from the project; and

Whereas, SunZia has recently expanded the project study area and the BLM will conduct three additional meetings to solicit additional public input; and

Whereas, the BLM is seeking comments on specific issues and concerns related to alternative routes for the project's transmission facilities, affected environmental resources, or related matters; and

Whereas, statements from local governing bodies such as this City Council are very important to development of a complete record for the EIS.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lordsburg supports the construction and operation of additional transmission infrastructure and a substation in Hidalgo County to provide capacity for the area's renewable energy projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council urges all cooperating agencies to judiciously expedite the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project's Environmental Impact Statement to expand regional economic development opportunities in central and southwestern New Mexico, by creating the necessary transmission capacity to deliver these areas' renewable energy resources to Western customers and markets.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 17th day of November, 2009.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

AYE:

Councilor Eduardo D. Lopez
Councilor Frank M. Rodriguez
Councilor Ernest N. Gallegos
Mayor Pro-Tem Alfredo Morelos, Jr.

HIDALGO COUNTY

RESOLUTION 2009-59

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

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

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WHEREAS, the EIS will provide a detailed analysis of potential environmental impacts of the project and a range of mitigation measures to such impacts, including reasonable routing alternatives; and

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WHEREAS, the BLM is seeking comments on specific issues and concerns related to alternative routes for the project's transmission facilities, affected environmental resources, or related matters; and,

WHEREAS, statements from local governing bodies such as Hidalgo County are very important to the development of a complete record for the EIS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the board of Hidalgo County Commissioners support the construction and operation of additional transmission infrastructure to provide capacity for the area's renewable energy projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS urge all cooperating agencies to judiciously expedite the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project's Environmental Impact Statement to expand regional economic development opportunities in central and southwestern New Mexico, by creating the necessary transmission capacity to deliver these areas' renewable resources to Western customers and markets.

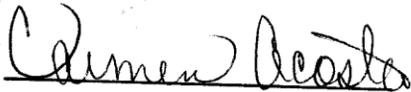
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2009.

ATTEST:



HAROLD KUENSTLER, CHAIR

HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSION



CARMEN ACOSTA, CLERK

CITY OF DEMING, NEW MEXICO
RESOLUTION NO. 09-25

WHEREAS, the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project (SunZia) is proposing to construct up to two high voltage 500 kV transmission lines and related interconnecting substations within an area lying between central Arizona and central New Mexico, which will provide new delivery capacity for 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 for the necessary provision of local governmental services; and,

WHEREAS, New Mexico's renewable energy development resources are located primarily in the central and southern parts of the state where available transmission capacity is extremely limited, and SunZia will provide from 3,000 to 4,500 megawatts of needed transmission capacity; 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; and,

WHEREAS, SunZia has submitted a right-of-way application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the project and BLM is currently preparing an Environmental Impact Statement Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); and,

WHEREAS, the EIS will provide a detailed analysis of potential environmental impacts of the project and a range of mitigation measures to such impacts, including reasonable routing alternatives; and,

WHEREAS, the BLM has conducted nine public scoping meetings throughout SunZia's study area, including Luna County, and has held meetings to request public input and identify possible issues of concern that may result from the project; and,

WHEREAS, SunZia has recently expanded the project study area and the BLM will conduct three additional meetings to solicit additional public input; and,

WHEREAS, the BLM is seeking comments on specific issues and concerns related to alternative routes for the project's transmission facilities, affected environmental resources, or related matters; and,

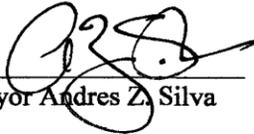
WHEREAS, statements from local governing bodies such as this City Council are very important to development of a complete record for the EIS.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Deming City Council supports the construction and operation of additional transmission infrastructure to provide capacity for the area's renewable energy projects; and

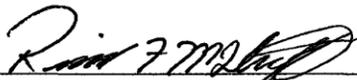
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Deming City Council urges all cooperating agencies to judiciously expedite the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project's Environmental Impact Statement to expand regional economic development opportunities in central and southwestern New Mexico, by creating the necessary transmission capacity to deliver these areas' renewable energy resources to Western customers and markets.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th day of October, 2009





Mayor Andres Z. Silva



Richard F. McInturff, Clerk

State of New Mexico

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**SIERRA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 98-016**

**SIERRA COUNTY SUPPORT OF AN ALTERNATE ROUTE FOR THE SUN ZIA
TRANSMISSION LINE**

WHEREAS, SunZia Southwest Transmission Project (SunZia) proposes to build up to two high voltage 500 k V transmission lines between Arizona and New Mexico, which will provide new delivery capacity and paths for existing and developing renewable energy resources, primarily wind, solar, and geothermal projects in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is rich in renewable energy resources and state and local communities stand to benefit greatly from the creation of new jobs, economic development, and tax and other revenues; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's renewable energy development zones are located primarily in the central and southern parts of the state where transmission capacity is virtually nonexistent, and SunZia will provide approximately 3,000 to 4,500 megawatts of new transmission capacity; and

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

WHEREAS, SunZia has submitted a right-of-way application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the SunZia project and BLM will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environment Policy Act of 1969;

WHEREAS, the EIS will provide a detailed analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and a range of reasonable routing alternatives, including mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, the BLM has conducted nine public scoping meetings throughout SunZia's study area, including Sierra County, and held meetings to request public input and identify possible issues of concern that may result from the Sun Zia project; and

WHEREAS, BLM seeks comments on specific issues and concerns related to alternative routes, potentially affected environmental resources or other related topics.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sierra County Board of Commissioners prefers SunZia's alternative route that traverses the Rio Grande River in the vicinity of Arrey, New Mexico, and travels northerly and parallel to the western boundary of the White Sands Missile Range;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Working in conjunction with the New Mexico Spaceport Authority thus avoiding any potential conflicts with space related activities;

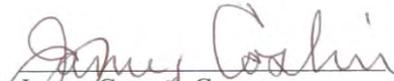
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sierra County Board of Commissioners believes that such a routing for SunZia's transmission lines will result in less impact on the area's economic and environmental resources than would otherwise result from use by SunZia of the proposed route across the Rio Grande River at a point just north of US 380 and San Antonia, New Mexico;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sierra County Board of Commissioners urges the Department of the Army at White Sands Missile Range to act as a Cooperative Agency in the conduct of the SunZia EIS and assist with the provision of a right-of-way over Range property that would eliminate the possibility of any detrimental economic impact to proposed development near the Truth or Consequences Airport.

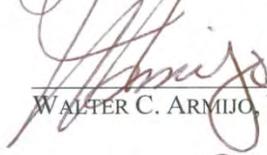
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sierra County Board of Commissioners with these conditions as stated herein, endorses the construction and operation of the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project in Sierra County.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 20th day of August, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



JAMES COSLIN, CHAIR

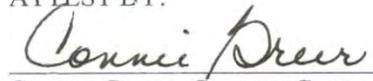


WALTER C. ARMIJO, VICE-CHAIR



ALVIN J. CAMPBELL, MEMBER

ATTEST BY:



CONNIE GREER, COUNTY CLERK

SOCORRO COUNTY SUPPORT OF AN ALTERNATE ROUTE FOR THE SUN ZIA
TRANSMISSION LINE

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WHEREAS, SunZia Southwest Transmission Project (SunZia) proposes to build up to two high voltage 500 kV transmission lines between Arizona and New Mexico, which will provide new delivery capacity and paths for existing and developing renewable energy resources, primarily wind, solar, and geothermal projects in New Mexico; and

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WHEREAS, New Mexico is rich in renewable energy resources and our state, county and local communities stand to benefit greatly from the creation of new jobs, economic development, and tax and other revenues; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's renewable energy development zones are located primarily in the central and southern parts of the state where transmission capacity is virtually nonexistent, and SunZia will provide approximately 3,000 to 4,500 megawatts of new transmission capacity; and

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

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

WHEREAS, SunZia has submitted a right-of-way application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the SunZia project and BLM will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969*; and

WHEREAS, the EIS will provide a detailed analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and a range of reasonable routing alternatives, including any mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, BLM has expanded the original study area for consideration of alternative routes or sub-route segments; and

WHEREAS, BLM seeks comments on specific issues and concerns related to alternative routes, potentially affected environmental resources, or other related topics; and

WHEREAS, transmission line routes traveling along the I-25 and Rio Grande River corridors could adversely impact the wildlife, property values and the general aesthetic of those areas;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners believes that such a routing for SunZia's transmission lines will result in less impact on the area's economic and environmental resources than would otherwise result from use by SunZia of the proposed route across the Rio Grande River at a point just north of US 380 and San Antonio, New Mexico;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners urges the Department of the Army at White Sands Missile Range to act as a Cooperating Agency in the conduct of the SunZia EIS and assist with the provision of a right-of-way over Range property that would eliminate the possibility of the economic and environmental impact to the riparian Bosque areas within the Rio Grande River crossing area north of San Antonio, New Mexico that is described above.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, with these conditions as stated herein, endorses the construction and operation of the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project in Socorro County;

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 28th day of July, 2009.

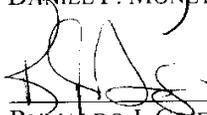
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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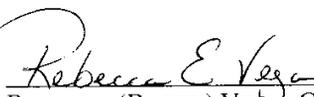


RUMALDO J. GRIEGO



JUAN JOSE GUTIERREZ

ATTEST BY:



REBECCA (BECKY) VEGA, COUNTY CLERK



NEWS RELEASE

Transmission Proposal Promises to Harness Southwestern Clean Energy

Conservationists Applaud SunZia Power Project, Bureau of Land Management Seeking Public Comments

For Immediate Release:
May 29, 2009

For More Information Contact:

Alex Daue, Renewable Energy Coordinator, The Wilderness Society, (303) 650-5818 x 108
Jeremy Nichols, Climate and Energy Program Director, WildEarth Guardians, (303) 573-4898 x 1303

Santa Fe, NM—Conservation groups are applauding a proposal by SunZia to responsibly develop a power transmission system that would harness clean, renewable energy in New Mexico and Arizona.

“We support responsible development of renewable energy and hope this transmission line will help bring new wind and solar online in New Mexico and Arizona,” said Alex Daue, Renewable Energy Coordinator for The Wilderness Society. “We look forward to continuing to work with the project developers, agencies, and local communities to ensure the line supports renewables while protecting the Rio Grande, wildlife, and wilderness values.”

The support comes as the Bureau of Land Management today formally announced its intent to prepare an environmental analysis supporting the proposal and to seek public comment. The announcement, published in today’s Federal Register, starts a 45 day public comment period that includes numerous public meetings in New Mexico and Arizona.

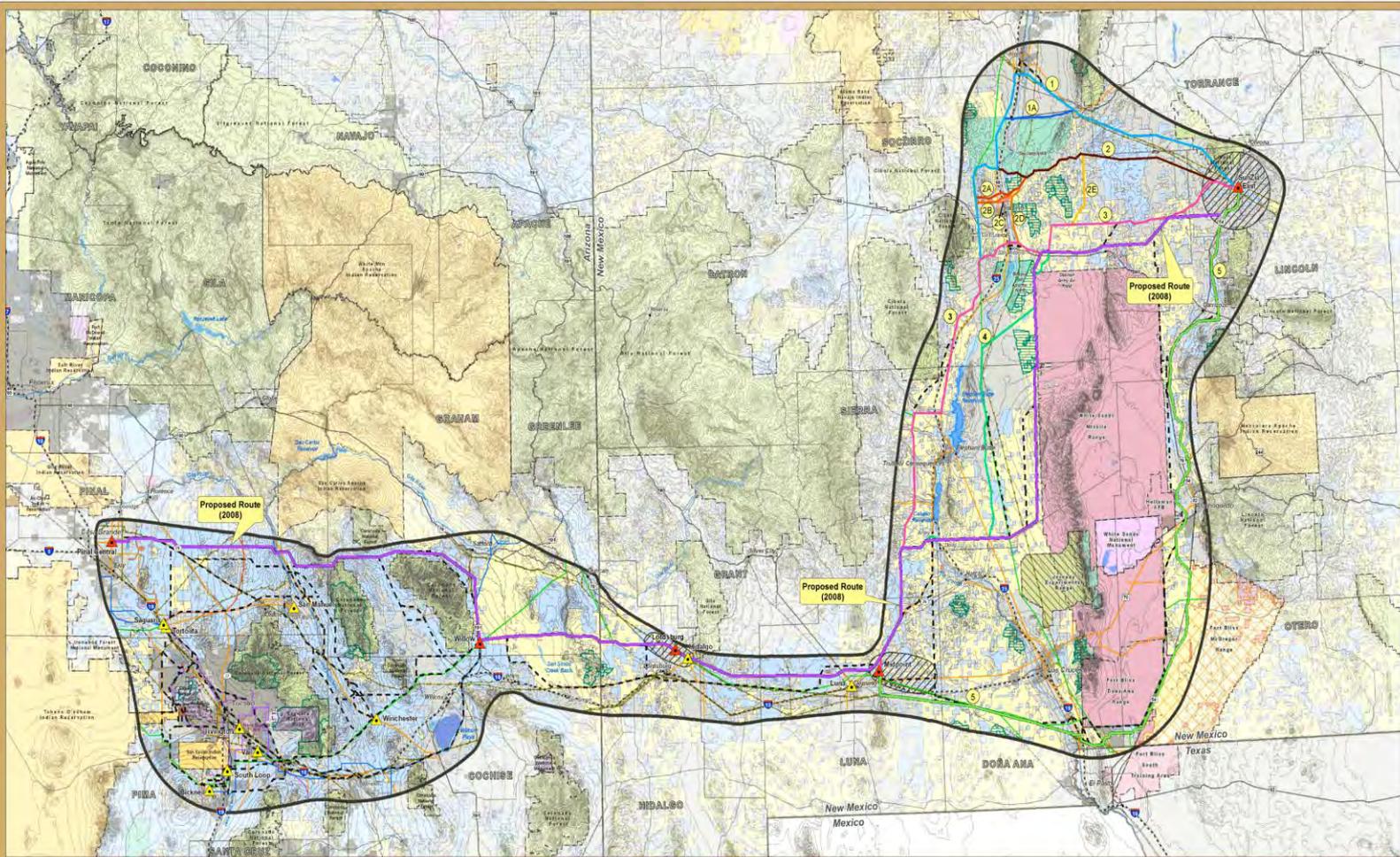
The SunZia transmission project would construct a 460 mile long high voltage power transmission line across southern New Mexico and Arizona. The project would primarily transport electricity generated from renewable energy to western power markets.

“Clean, renewable energy is the key to confronting global warming and safeguarding the American West,” said Jeremy Nichols, Climate and Energy Program Director for WildEarth Guardians. “The sooner the SunZia transmission project can help bring more renewable energy online, the better.”

Although the proposal was formally announced by the Bureau of Land Management today, SunZia has spent the last year working with conservationists and other groups to craft a proposal that both harnesses renewable energy and safeguards wildlife and wild places in the southwest. The Bureau of Land Management’s Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process will study likely impacts from the project and identify ways to avoid and minimize them. Once the EIS is complete, SunZia will be able to move forward to construct its transmission line.



SUNZIA PROJECT INFORMATION



SunZia Southwest Transmission Project

Land Ownership and Jurisdiction



LEGEND

Land Ownership	
	Bureau of Land Management
	U.S. Dept. of Defense
	McGregor Range Withdrawal
	National Park Service
	U.S.D.A. Forest Service
	U.S.D.A. Other
	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
	Indian Reservation
	State Trust Land
	Local or State Parks
	Private/Other

Base Features

	SunZia Proposed Route - Sept. 8, 2008		Study Area - April 2010
	Alternative Route Segments		Substation Siting Area

Alternative Routes - Midpoint to SunZia East

	1		2B		3
	1A		2C		4
	2		2D		5
	2A		2E		

Utilities

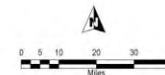
	Proposed Substation		500kV Transmission Line
	Existing Substation		345kV Transmission Line
	Pipeline (Diameter 6")		230kV Transmission Line
			138kV/141kV Transmission Line
			115kV Transmission Line

Reference Features

	City		State Highway		County Boundary
	River/Stream		U.S. Highway		State Boundary
	Lake/Reservoir		Interstate		Jurisdictional Boundary
	Urban Area		Railroad		Wilderness Area
					Wilderness Study Area (WSA)

Sources:

AZ BLM 2009
 AZ State Land Department and ALRIS 2006
 ESRI StreetMap 2008, Minutes RMP 1999
 NM BLM 2009, Socorro PRMP 2009
 Tri-County RMP 2009
 POWERSmap, powersmap.platts.com
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 USGS, EPG, Inc 2010



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May 12, 2010

SUNZIA TRANSMISSION FACILITIES

- ★ **Transmission Project Only**

(no power generation in project scope)

- ★ **Proposed Route Length ~460 Miles**

- ★ **Interconnects with at least five substations**

Proposed Eastern/Western substations:

- ★ Proposed SunZia East (Lincoln County, NM)

- ★ Pinal Central/Tortolita (Pinal County, AZ)

Proposed Intermediate substations:

- SunZia South (Luna County, NM)

- Willow (Graham County, AZ)

- Hidalgo II (Hidalgo County, NM)

- ★ **Configuration Options:**

1. AC: Two 500 kV AC lines, or

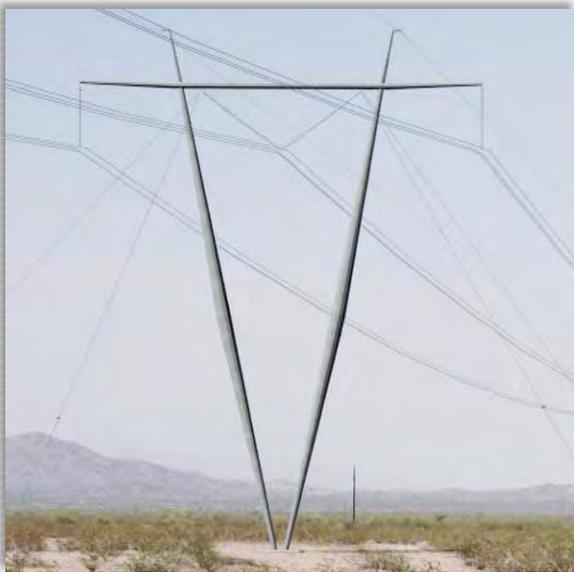
2. Hybrid: One 500 kV AC and one 500 kV DC line

- ★ **Power transfer of 3,000 MW (AC) or 4,500 MW (Hybrid)**

SUNZIA PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- ★ Proposed route is primarily on **public lands**
 - ✦ AZ 84%; NM 82%
- ★ Typical right-of-way width:
 - 200 feet per line; Up to 1,000 feet for two lines
- ★ All steel structures
- ★ Typical structure height:
 - 130 to 160 feet
- ★ Typical span:
 - 1,300 to 1,500 feet between structures

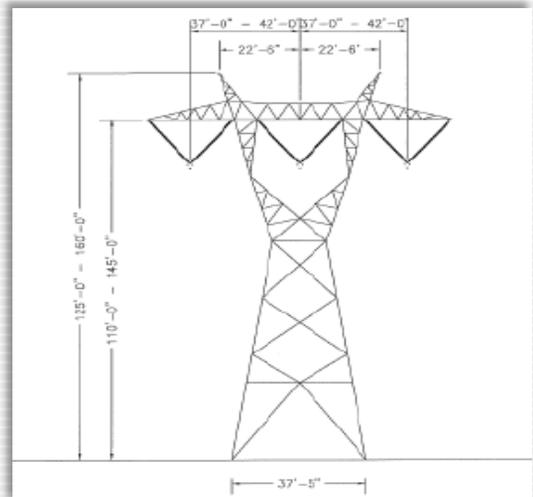
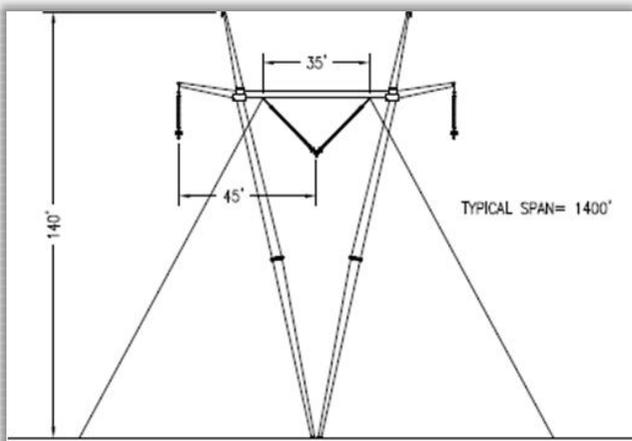
TYPICAL 500kV TOWER DESIGN EXAMPLES



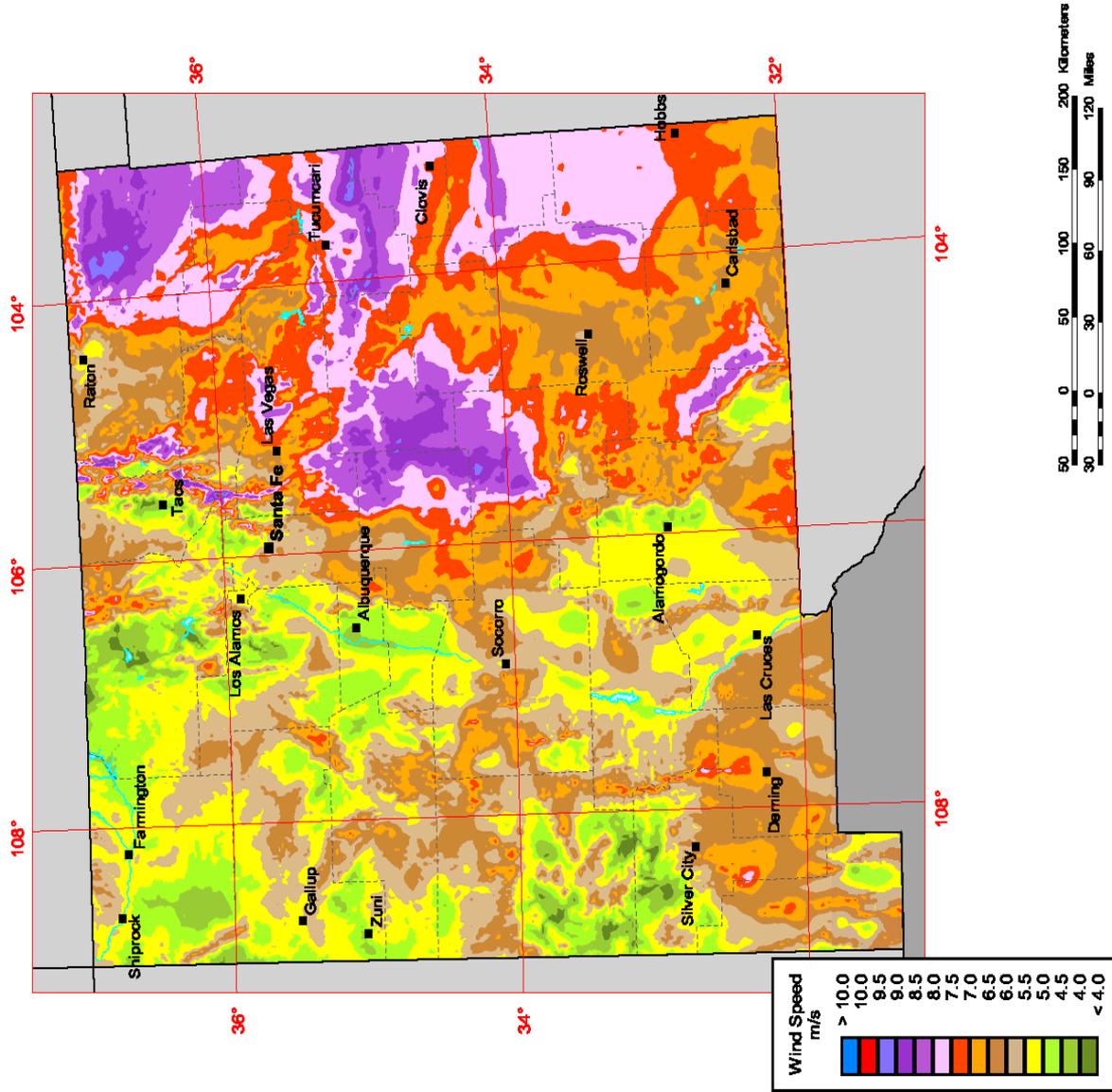
500kV AC Guyed-V



500kV AC Self Supporting



New Mexico - Annual Average Wind Speed at 80 m

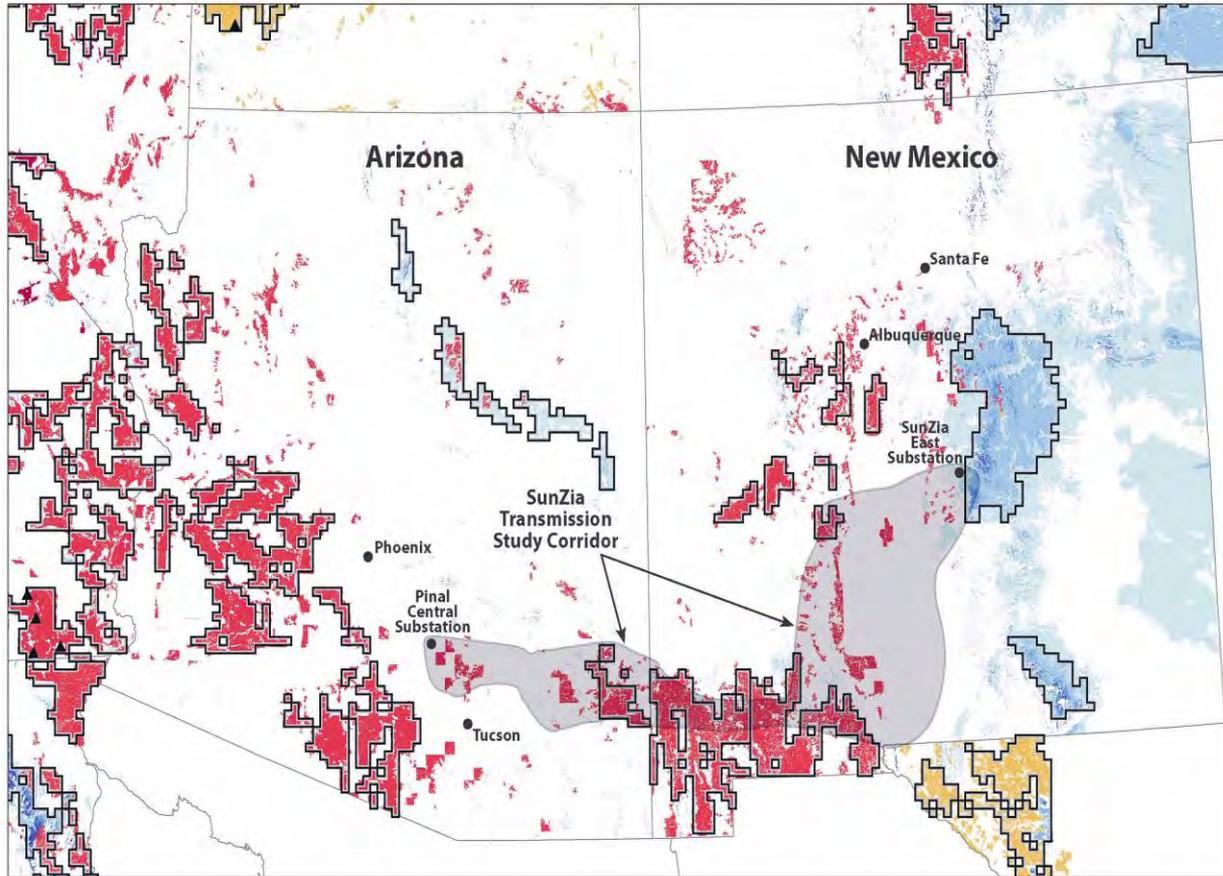


Source: Wind resource estimates developed by AWS Truewind, LLC for windnavigator@. Web: <http://navigator.awstruewind.com> | www.awstruewind.com. Spatial resolution of wind resource data: 2.5 km. Projection: UTM Zone 12 WGS84.



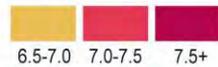
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SunZia Southwest Transmission Project



Western Renewable Energy Zones (WREZ) Qualified Resource Areas

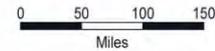
Solar thermal resource
Direct normal insolation (kWh/sqmr/day)



Wind resource
Wind power class



September 11, 2009



Source: WREZ Draft Preliminary Qualified Resource Area (QRA) map, Western Governors Initiative and Department of Energy, February 2, 2009.

SUNZIA PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

- ✦ **Energy Capital Partners**
(equity investment fund manager)



- ✦ **Salt River Project**
(Arizona Power District)



- ✦ **Shell WindEnergy**
(a Royal Dutch Shell company)



- ✦ **SouthWestern Power Group**
(G&T development firm)



- ✦ **Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association**
(multi-state G&T association)



- ✦ **Tucson Electric Power**
(Arizona utility)



FINANCING SUNZIA

- ★ Six partners will invest in the permitting of SunZia.
- ★ 85% of SunZia is invested by private capital that will be recovered through leasing transmission capacity to generators
 - ✦ New Mexico residents will not pay for SunZia unless a local utility company:
 1. purchases capacity from SunZia to serve customers in New Mexico.
 2. Becomes a partner in the project and recovers its pro rata investment through it's retail rate base
- ★ Construction and Operations costs will be paid through the transmission service contracts by users

PROJECT TIMELINE

SUMMER 2009/SUMMER 2010

SPRING 2011

SUMMER 2012

FALL 2012

2013 – 2014

Scoping

**Comment Periods
Public Meetings**

**Draft
Environmental
Impact
Statement**

**Final
Environmental
Impact
Statement**

**Record of
Decision
Right-of-Way
Permit**

**Construction
& Operation**

Jun - Aug 2009

Oct - Nov 2009

Apr - May 2010

**Initial
Study
Area**

**Expanded
Study Area
in
NM**

**Expanded
Study Area
in
AZ and NM**

90 Days

45 Days

45 Days

**Public
Review
Period**

90 Days

**Public
Review
Period**

30 Days

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

ACTIVITIES TO-DATE

DATE	ACTIVITY
5/29/09	Notice of Intent published in <i>Federal Register</i>
6/22/09	Initiation of first set of scoping meetings (4 in AZ; 5 in NM)
8/28/09	Close of first Scoping Period
9-10/09	Response to public comments: expanded study area and additional routes in NM
10/26/09	Initiation of second set of scoping meetings (3 in NM)
11/27/09	Close of second Scoping Period
2-3/10	Response to public comments: expanded study area and additional routes in AZ and NM
4/27/10	Initiation of third set of scoping meetings (1 in AZ; 1 in NM)
6/10/10	Close of third Scoping Period

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

DATES, LOCATIONS, ATTENDANCE

	Meeting Date	Location	Public in Attendance
1	June 22, 2009	Eloy, AZ	16
2	June 23, 2009	Oracle, AZ	39
3	June 24, 2009	Safford, AZ	30
4	June 29, 2009	Willcox, AZ	21
5	June 30, 2009	Lordsburg, NM	13
6	July 1, 2009	Deming, NM	31
7	July 7, 2009	Socorro, NM	26
8	July 8, 2009	Carrizozo, NM	52
9	July 9, 2009	Elephant Butte, NM	15
10	October 26, 2009	Las Cruces, NM	29
11	October 27, 2009	Alamogordo, NM	17
12	October 28, 2009	Chaparral, NM	12
13	April 27, 2010	Socorro, NM	91
14	April 29, 2010	Tucson, AZ	115
Total Attendees			507

MEETINGS WITH MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

11/14/2008	WSMR personnel
4/30/2009	WSMR personnel
9/21/2009	Ft. Bliss personnel
9/22/2009	WSMR personnel
9/24/2009	WSMR personnel
10/1/2009	Bill Van Houten: Office of the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense Installations and Environment Readiness and Safety
10/6/2009	Holloman AFB personnel
10/27/2009	WSMR personnel
11/12/2009	Meeting with Hanson Scott and Jeremy Turner (at RETA's Offices)
11/25/2009	Conference Call with Fred Engle: Environment & Energy Policy Analyst (DoD)
12/10/2009	SunZia presentation to the New Mexico Military Base Planning Commission Presented by Tom Wray
2/10/2010	WSMR personnel
2/17/2010	SunZia met with New Mexico's local military bases and General Bledsoe was established as a mediator among SunZia representatives and all the local military bases to facilitate a solution for SunZia's route proximate to military operations. Military personnel present included Gen. Jay Bledsoe, Col. Dave Raggio, Greg Corkery, Dan King, Greg DeVogel, Fred Engle, Ron Ralph, and Eric Wolters

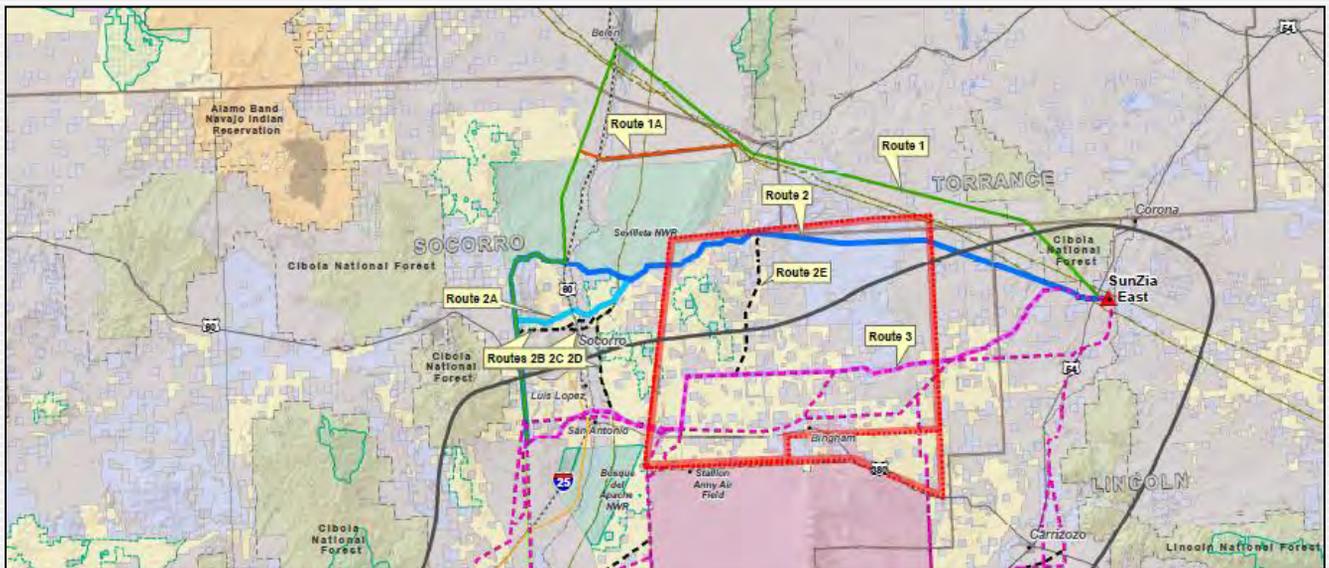
MEETINGS WITH MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

(CONTINUED)

- 4/27/2010 Military representatives present during the BLM scoping meeting in Socorro NM included: Bill Connor (NM Military Base Planning Commission); James H. Justice Jr. (WSMR); Michael Doyle (Kirtland AFB); Patrick Cane (Naval Research Lab); and Wesley Westphal (Holloman AFB)
- 4/29/2010 Military representatives present during the BLM scoping meeting in Tucson AZ included: Matt Walsh (Ft. Huachuca); John Allen (AZ Army National Guard); Steven Arenson (Air Force Regional Representative); Ben Kunte (AZ Army National Guard); Park Haney (US Army Regional Coordinator); Gary Presley (Davis Mothan AFB); DeEllen Brasher (Navy Region SW, DOD Regional Environmental Coordinator Officer; and Thomas Roxberry (Ft. Huachuca)
- 5/28/2010 Department of Defense personnel: Frank DiGiovanni, Fred Engle, Maureen Sullivan and Bill Van Houten
- 6/1/2010 WSMR personnel
- 7/1/2010 BLM and NM Military bases conducted a meeting in Albuquerque. SunZia was not invited to participate
- 9/22/2010 WSMR personnel

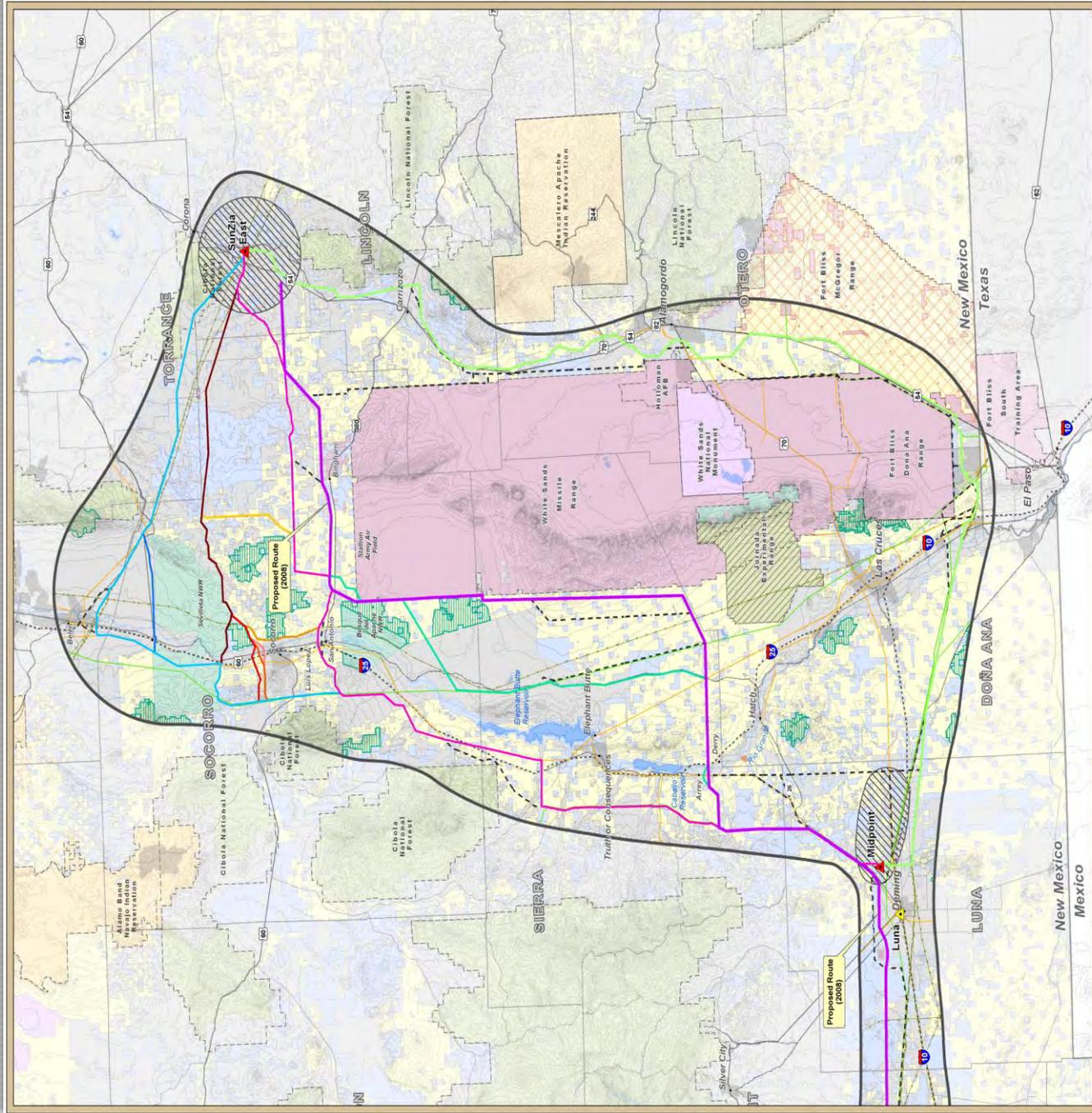
COORDINATION WITH MILITARY BASES IN NEW MEXICO

- ★ White Sands Missile Range, Ft. Bliss, and Holloman Air Force Base are Cooperating Agencies to the development of SunZia's EIS.



- ★ Black border is SunZia's original Study Area Boundary
- ★ Pink routes were proposed by BLM and SunZia
- ★ Routes 1, 1A, 2, 2A and 3 were proposed by New Mexico military bases and the study area was expanded to include these routes in the EIS evaluation.

SUNZIA STUDY AREA IN NEW MEXICO



LEGEND

- Project Features**
- SunZia Proposed Route - Sept. 8, 2008
 - Alternative Proposed Route Segments
 - Study Area - April 2010
 - Substation Siting Area

- Land Ownership**
- Bureau of Land Management
 - U.S. Dept. of Defense
 - McGuire Range Withdrawal
 - National Park Service
 - U.S.C.A. Forest Service
 - U.S.C.A. Other
 - Private/Other

- Utilities**
- Proposed Substation
 - Existing Substation
 - Pipeline (Diameter 6"-12")
 - 69kV Transmission Line
 - 345kV Transmission Line
 - 230kV Transmission Line
 - 138/115/115kV Transmission Line
 - 115kV Transmission Line

- Reference Features**
- City
 - River/Stream
 - Lake/Reservoir
 - Urban Area
 - State Highway
 - U.S. Highway
 - Interstate
 - Railroad
 - State Boundary
 - County Boundary
 - Jurisdictional Boundary
 - Wilderness Area
 - Wilderness Study Area (WESA)

- Alternative Routes - Midpoint to SunZia East**
- 1A
 - 1B
 - 2A
 - 2B
 - 2C
 - 2D
 - 2E
 - 3A
 - 3B
 - 3C
 - 3D
 - 3E
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- Scale**
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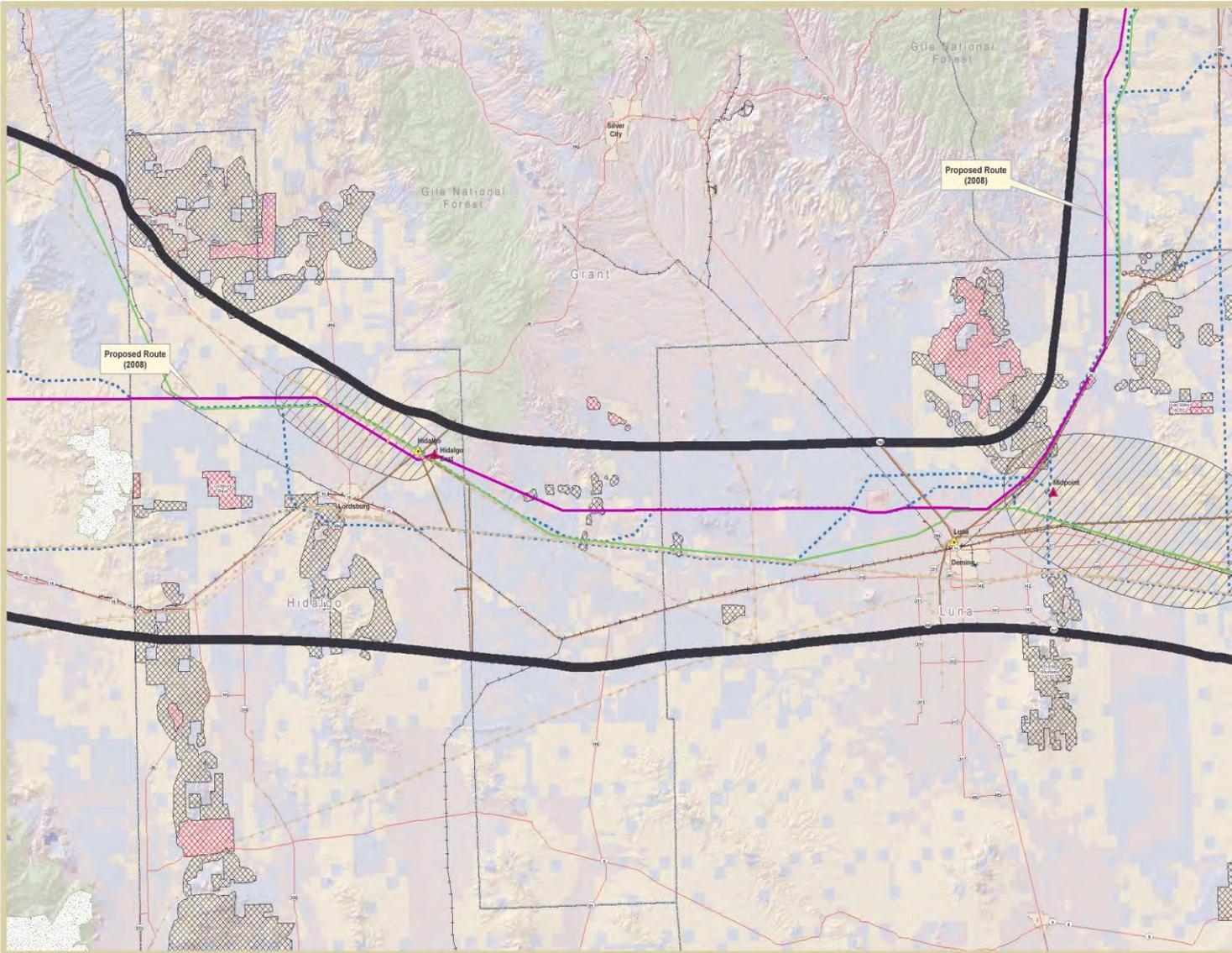
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Preliminary SunZia Project Features	Utilities	Surface Management	Other
▲ Proposed Substation Interconnections	▲ Existing Substation	■ Bureau of Land Management	■ Other
■ Horizontal Route	■ 500 kV Transmission Line	■ U.S. Forest Service	■ Private
■ Proposed Route	■ 345 kV Transmission Line	■ Indian Reservation	■ State Trust Land
■ Substation Siting Area	■ 230 kV Transmission Line	■ Local or State Parks	■ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
■ Study Corridor	■ 115/138 kV Transmission Line	■ Military	
■ Study Corridor	■ Railroad	■ National Park Service	
Avoidance/Exclusion Areas	■ High Right-of-Way		
■ Avoidance Area/ALSC	■ County Boundary		
■ Exclusion Area/WSA	■ Wetland/Conservation Area		



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