

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSMISSION  
3 AUTHORITY AND THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
4 DEPARTMENT TO COLLABORATE WITH THE WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE  
5 AND OTHER NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WHEN DEVELOPING  
6 RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS AND CORRIDORS FOR TRANSMISSION  
7 LINES IN NEW MEXICO.

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9 WHEREAS, the New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission  
10 Authority Act created the New Mexico renewable energy  
11 transmission authority; and

12 WHEREAS, the secretary of energy, minerals and natural  
13 resources is an ex-officio member of the board of the  
14 authority, and the energy, minerals and natural resources  
15 department and the authority work closely to meet the energy  
16 needs of the state; and

17 WHEREAS, the authority is charged with doing whatever is  
18 necessary to accomplish the purposes of the New Mexico  
19 Renewable Energy Transmission Authority Act; and

20 WHEREAS, in accomplishing its duties, the authority may  
21 identify and establish corridors for the transmission of  
22 electricity within the state; and

23 WHEREAS, through participation in appropriate regional  
24 transmission forums, the authority may also coordinate,  
25 investigate, plan, prioritize and negotiate with entities

1 within and outside of the state for the establishment of  
2 interstate transmission corridors; and

3 WHEREAS, one such corridor under consideration by the  
4 authority may intersect or approximate the border of the  
5 United States army garrison, White Sands missile range; and

6 WHEREAS, White Sands missile range is the largest  
7 overland military test range in the area, occupying a  
8 two-million-acre area of southern New Mexico; and

9 WHEREAS, White Sands missile range houses  
10 state-of-the-art research and test facilities for the United  
11 States army, the United States air force and the national  
12 aeronautics and space administration; and

13 WHEREAS, some of the world's most advanced and  
14 sophisticated weapons systems are tested at White Sands  
15 missile range; and

16 WHEREAS, the presence of lines for the transmission of  
17 electricity and other renewable energy initiatives under  
18 consideration within New Mexico, such as wind turbines and  
19 solar array capabilities, have the potential to interfere  
20 with the missions and training exercises performed at White  
21 Sands missile range; and

22 WHEREAS, White Sands missile range is fully committed to  
23 renewable energy and is engaged in a formal initiative known  
24 as the New Mexico initiative, in partnership with the public  
25 service company of New Mexico and other partners, to ensure

1 energy efficiency, use of renewable energy and implementation  
2 of water conservation programs; and

3 WHEREAS, it is important to find a balance between  
4 promoting energy projects for energy independence and  
5 ensuring the continuation of military missions and training  
6 exercises that are vital to the state economy and to national  
7 security;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico renewable energy  
10 transmission authority and the energy, minerals and natural  
11 resources department be requested to collaborate with the  
12 White Sands missile range and other military installations  
13 when developing renewable energy programs and corridors for  
14 transmission lines in New Mexico; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a report of this  
16 collaboration be presented to the interim military and  
17 veterans' affairs committee and the New Mexico finance  
18 authority oversight committee by October 2011; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
20 transmitted to the chair of the board of the New Mexico  
21 renewable energy transmission authority and the secretary of  
22 energy, minerals and natural resources. \_\_\_\_\_

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