



**SIERRA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION № 110-086**

SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT OF SUNZIA HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINES

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Sierra County, met in a regular meeting on June 21st, at 10:00 A.M. in the Sierra County Administration Office, 1712 North Date Street, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 4-37-1 (1995) provides that Counties have the power to, “provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of any county or its inhabitants”; and

WHEREAS, NMSA, 1978, Section 4-38-18 (1976) provides that a Board of County Commissioner has the duty and authority “[t]o represent the county and have the care of the county property and the management of the interest of the county in all cases where no other provision is made by law; and,

WHEREAS, SunZia intends to develop two (2) high voltage electric transmission lines anticipated to be approximately 520-miles long spanning parts of New Mexico and Arizona in order to convey up to 4,500 megawatts of renewable energy from New Mexico and Arizona to homes, offices and communities in the Southwestern United States; and

WHEREAS, solar and wind renewable energy generation is a valuable and abundant resource in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, encouraging Renewable Generation is a priority of the State of New Mexico, as identified in §§ 5-18-2, 62-16-2, 62-16A-4, & 71-7-2 NMSA (1978); and

WHEREAS, SunZia has worked with the County to develop and implement a Community Benefits Agreement, which is intended to provide community benefits for the first phase of SunZia (SunZia Line #1); and,

WHEREAS, SunZia Line #1 is anticipated to locate approximately 70.74 miles of its transmission line through Sierra County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the resources it has dedicated in support o projects that protect County residents, promote the physical and emotional health of County residents, or that enable equitable access to services and opportunities, encourage social interaction, and benefit the environment, SunZia has committed to assess and perform the necessary upgrades to the county roads at their cost with the County's approval, to reshape, repair and/or modify the

County Roads based on road usage in excess of the usual and customary maintenance operations performed as routine maintenance, and to agree to indemnify the County should the County be sued as a result of SunZia's activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sierra County that it expresses its strong support for the development of the SunZia high voltage transmission line and urges a speedy Record of Decision.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND RESOLVED this 21st day of January, 2022.

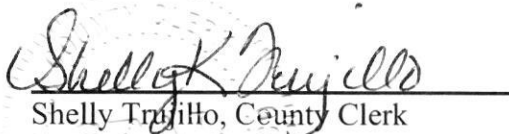
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