

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-30
CITY OF DEMING, NEW MEXICO**

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT (EIS) ALIGNMENT ISSUED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND
MANAGEMENT (BLM) FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF
ADDITIONAL TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE**

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has studied various routes for the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project (SunZia) over the past five years for the purpose of constructing up to two 500 kV transmission lines and associated substations between Arizona and New Mexico to provide for needed new transmission capacity to deliver New Mexico's stranded renewable energy; and,

WHEREAS, we understand the economic benefits of New Mexico's rich renewable energy resources and their positive impacts to state and local communities in the form of job creation, economic development and resulting revenues (New Mexico State University Economic Impact Assessment); and,

WHEREAS, the BLM received 900 comment letters on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and has since prepared a Final EIS that was issued for public review on June 14, 2013; and,

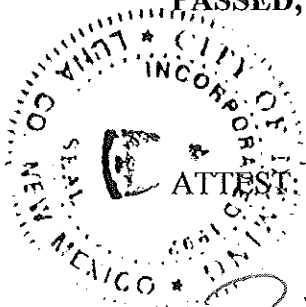
WHEREAS, the Final EIS has provided for mitigation measures to limit major impairment to all concerned; and,

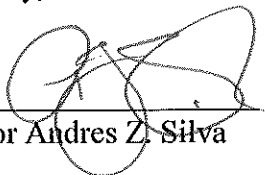
WHEREAS, the BLM has conducted public meetings during 2008 through 2010 throughout SunZia's study area to gather and consider the public's concerns and support on the project; and,

WHEREAS, statements from local governing bodies such as this City Council are very important to the completion of the BLM's federal permitting efforts pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.


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 urge all entities and cooperating agencies to assist with expeditious finalization of the Record of Decision and allow all to share the economic benefit of the needed SunZia Project.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 8th day of July, 2013





Mayor Andres Z. Silva



Richard F. McInturff, Clerk