

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

Office of the Mayor/ Chief Administrative Officer



September 13, 2011

Mr. Bob Abbey
Director, Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Department of the Interior- Room 5665
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Abbey:

The building of the SunZia transmission lines and substations will enable renewable energy development throughout the state of New Mexico and will have the potential of creating positive economic impacts within the City of Albuquerque. We appreciate your willingness to support, as we do, our valuable military base missions as you move forward with your plans.

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The SunZia project will enable the development of renewable energy resources including wind, solar, and geothermal by creating a pathway from the location of these resources to the interstate power grid in the Desert Southwest. New Mexico is fast becoming a leader in the development of these renewable energy resources that provide much needed jobs and revenue for our state and local governments.

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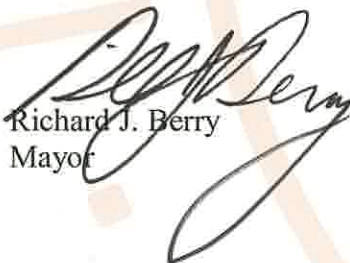
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The City of Albuquerque is fortunate to be located in close proximity to these world-class renewable energy resources – giving us the opportunity to attract manufacturing operations and other investment activity. We offer renewable energy companies a great place to set up their headquarters. We recognize that the clean energy economy sector is an important source of industrial innovation that generates good-paying manufacturing jobs. The timely development of the SunZia project will encourage renewable energy companies to locate in New Mexico and substantially increase employment opportunities for the citizens of the City of Albuquerque.

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I look forward to the completion of your review of the SunZia Transmission project and hope that your department continues to proceed in a thorough and expeditious manner.

Best Regards,


Richard J. Berry
Mayor