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**TORRANCE COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**RESOLUTION NO. R 2022- 34**

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**SUPPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUNZIA TRANSMISSION LINE TO  
THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

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**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), on April 29 2022, completed an extensive environmental evaluation and issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) which included an updated Preferred Alternative Route (PAR) for the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project (hereinafter "SunZia"); and,

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**WHEREAS**, SunZia will be the largest clean energy infrastructure project in U.S. history that includes two planned 500 kV transmission lines which will provide up to 4,500 megawatts of renewable energy resources, that can be developed in Torrance County and other counties in New Mexico; and,

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**WHEREAS**, Torrance County and other counties in New Mexico have abundant solar and wind energy resources that will be developed for western power markets if necessary electric transmission capacity like that proposed by SunZia becomes available; and,

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**WHEREAS**, New Mexico's best underdeveloped solar and wind energy resources are located primarily in the southern and central counties in New Mexico where available transmission capacity is limited, which includes Torrance County; and,

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**WHEREAS**, the County realizes the importance the SunZia transmission lines will have on the economic viability of rural counties as renewable energy projects come online and return increased property tax revenues and other benefits; and

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**WHEREAS**, statements from local governing bodies such as the Torrance County Commission are important to the consideration and deliberations undertaken by the BLM in approving and advancing the DEIS.

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Torrance County Board of Commissioners fully supports the construction and operation of the SunZia Transmission Project to provide capacity for local renewable energy projects as well as those throughout New Mexico that will be able to access SunZia's transmission facilities within the counties it traverses, as well as from other counties in the state over the existing interconnected electric power grid; and,

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Torrance County Commission urges the BLM to expedite a final decision and issue SunZia an amended right-of-way grant.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2022**

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**APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:**

Michael J. Garcia 22 June 22  
County Attorney                      Date

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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Yvonne Otero, County Clerk

Date: June 22, 2022

