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**Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office
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**RE: Supplemental Comments of Jemez Mountain Electric Cooperative, Inc. on Proposed Verde Transmission Line
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To Whom It May Concern:

Jemez Mountain Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“JMEC”) previously submitted comments to the Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office (“BLM”) regarding the proposed Verde Transmission Project (the “Verde Project”). A copy of these comments (“JMEC Comments”) is attached for convenient reference. JMEC is submitting additional comments (“JMEC Supplemental Comments”) at this time after further consideration of its position regarding the Verde Project.

In its prior comments JMEC did not take a formal position in support or opposition to the Verde Project, but instead expressed some concerns about the potential impact of this project on the membership of JMEC. As previously noted, JMEC serves more than 30,000 members located in 5 New Mexico counties, including the area where the Verde Project is proposed to be located. Subsequent to the submission of the JMEC Comments, the JMEC Board of Trustees (“Board”) received substantial additional input on the Verde Project from its membership. This input has



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taken the form of written comments to the Board, a petition with over 3,500 signatures, telephone calls to individual Board members, and oral comments presented by numerous members at the Board's meeting on December 21, 2017. All of the comments received by the Board have been in strong opposition to the Verde Project, with the sole exception of the comments received from the developers proposing to construct the Verde Project.

At a meeting of the Board on January 3, 2017, after further consideration of the concerns identified in the original comments submitted to the BLM by JMEC, as well as the substantial input received from our membership, the Board voted unanimously to revise its position and adamantly oppose the Verde Project. These JMEC Supplemental Comments are submitted to reflect that decision by the Board and to update the BLM with respect to the position of JMEC concerning the construction of the Verde Project.

Sincerely,

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CEO/General Manager