



Rio Arriba Community Health Council

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AN RACHC RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE VERDE HIGH VOLTAGE POWERLINE PROPOSED IN RIO ARRIBA COUNTY

WHEREAS, research has determined that high voltage power lines pose multiple health risks, affecting sleep cycles, stress levels, immune response and DNA structure for individuals living or working in proximity to them; and,

WHEREAS, proximity to power lines is linked to increased cancer, stunted growth, increased triglyceride levels, abnormal EEGs, decreased calcium flow, altered reaction times, and altered biorhythms; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed path of the Verde High Voltage transmission line is immediately adjacent to Hernandez Elementary School and the Rio Arriba Health Commons, a clinic serving vulnerable residents including infants, elderly and people with compromised immune systems; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed path of the power lines threatens to damage the tourist industry by destroying the view of Black Mesa, a local landmark, as well as pristine views attractive to tourists; and,

WHEREAS, reduction of gross receipts taxes caused by decreased tourism may harm Rio Arriba's economy and its health care providers, and by extension, residents relying on health care services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rio Arriba Community Health Council stands in opposition to the approval of the Verde Transmission Line, in its current location, or in any location that is adjacent to a school or health facility serving Rio Arriba residents, or obstructing the view of Black Mesa or our beautiful mountains; and,

The Rio Arriba Community Health Council, comprised of over 25 agencies serving the residents of Rio Arriba County stands in opposition to construction of the Verde

transmission lines in any location that may threaten the health and safety of Rio Arriba residents; and,

The Rio Arriba Community Health Council further resolves that the aforementioned points in opposition to the approval of the Verde Transmission line be considered by the Bureau of Land Management's Environmental Impact Statement.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF APRIL, 2017.

RIO ARRIBA COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

Lore Pease CPA, CEO 5-12-17
CHAIR, Lore Pease

For witnessing or attesting a Signature:

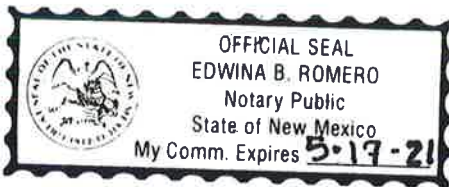
State of: New Mexico

County of: Rio Arriba

Signed or attested before me on 5/22/17 by EDWINA ROMERO
Date Name of Person(s)

Edwina B. Romero
Notary

May 17, 2021
My Commission expires



RACHC Member Agencies

Rio Arriba Health and Human Services Department
Presbyterian Española Hospital
Española Public Schools
El Centro Family Health
Las Clinicas Del Norte
La Clinica del Pueblo
Hoy Recovery Program
Santa Fe Recovery Program
Santa Fe Mountain Center
Rio Arriba Senior Programs
Rio Arriba Sheriff's Office
Española Police Department
Somos Amigos
McCurdy Ministries
Espanola Valley Humane Society
Moving Arts Española
DreamTree
Tewa Women United
Española Community Market
Northern New Mexico College
Española Public Health Department (NM DOH)
NM Income Support Division
NM Children, Youth and Families Department
RACSTOP
Rio Arriba Magistrate Court
Jemez Mountains Electric Coop
United Way of Northern NM
Hands Across Cultures
Las Cumbres Community Services
Siete Del Norte Community Development Corporation
Honor Our Pueblo Existence
San Martín de Porres Soup Kitchen