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The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
Secretary
US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington DC 20585

Re: Request for Presentation on Transmission Corridors Impacting Union County New Mexico

Dear Secretary Granholm,

On behalf of the Union County Board of County Commissioners, I am writing to formally request an in person presentation from the United States Department of Energy (DOE) regarding the transmission corridors that have been designated in the region and the potential effects on the citizens and communities of Union County and the State of New Mexico.

As you may know, the development of transmission corridors is of great importance to our region, particularly considering growing energy needs, renewable energy initiatives, and the long-term impact these projects may have on our land, environment, and residents. While we understand the necessity of enhancing energy infrastructure, we are concerned about how the implementation of these transmission corridors could affect local land use, property rights, environmental integrity, and the overall well-being of our communities.

We would appreciate a thorough explanation of the DOE's plans for these transmission corridors, including:

- The criteria used in selecting the designated corridors.
- Potential environmental, economic, and social impacts of Union County and surrounding areas.
- Opportunities for local stakeholder involvement, including how the public will be informed and engaged throughout the planning and development process.
- Any ongoing or future efforts to mitigate potential negative impacts on local communities and ecosystems.

The Union County Commission, along with our citizens, is eager to understand how these energy projects will unfold and what role we can play in shaping their outcomes in a way that supports both sustainable energy development and the best interests of our citizens.

Our next scheduled Commission meetings are as follows:

- **February 11, 2025**
- **March 11, 2025**
- **April 8, 2025**

We would be grateful if you could arrange for a representative of the Department of Energy to attend one of these meetings to provide a presentation or briefing on these matters. If these dates are not convenient, we are happy to discuss alternative dates that would work better for your team.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response and hope to work collaboratively with the Department of Energy to ensure that Union County's interests and concerns are addressed.

Sincerely,



Brandy Thompson
Union County Manger