



RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-27
DECLARATION OF DISASTER UNION COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
HIGH WIND EVENT DECEMBER 2021

WHEREAS, the County of Union suffered severe power outages due to Southwestern Electric Cooperative infrastructure failure of power distribution lines and power handling equipment (poles) which was caused by sustained winds of over 76 miles per hour according to the National Weather Service with high winds beginning the night of December 13, 2021 through December 17, 2021. Heavy winds in the area resulted in damage to various power poles and lines, and

WHEREAS, in the County of Union, Southwestern Electric Cooperative did incur damages and costs and other related expenses during the incident, and

WHEREAS, extensive damage was caused to numerous poles and power lines located within the Union County service area, and

WHEREAS, linemen were dispatched to numerous reports in an effort to restore power within the area, and

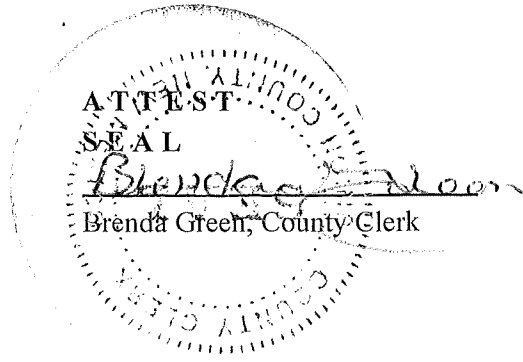
WHEREAS, upon approaching the troubled areas it was determined extensive structural damage to distribution lines had occurred which contributed to the many outages in the area, and

WHEREAS, a determination was made to address the numerous outages by first doing what was necessary to restore power for those areas where it was safe to do so and then plan on developing a plan of action to rebuild portions of the distribution line where rebuilding would be necessary.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, County of Union, State of New Mexico by virtue of the authority provided in the New Mexico Civil Emergency Preparedness Act (12-10-1 to 12-10-11, NMSA 1978) do hereby declare a state of disaster in the County of Union for the purposes of exercising necessary emergency powers and expenditure of available resources and requesting aid, assistance and relief programs and funds available from the State of New Mexico.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of February, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



By:

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