

# RIO GRANDE COUNTY

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Board of County Commissioners of Rio Grande County supports the San Luis Valley Electric System Improvement Project. Currently, the Valley is served by a single-circuit line. In the event of a forest fire or other event that could damage this line, the San Luis Valley would be without electricity. The SLV Improvement Project plans for a new 230-kV line from Walsenburg. This would provide an alternative source of electricity in addition to providing more service and the capability of exporting power from potential solar projects in the San Luis Valley.

The SLV Electric System Improvement Project is a joint venture between Tri-State Generation Transmission Association and Xcel Energy. It is timely and necessary to expand the capacity of power transmission for the San Luis Valley.

Sincerely,



Doug Davie  
Chairman of the Board

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