## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2011- 132

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING STAFF TO INTERVENE IN NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION CASE NO. 11-00265-UT, THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO'S RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO PROCUREMENT PLAN FOR 2012

WHEREAS, the Commission adopted Resolution No. 2010-210, establishing the Santa Fe County Sustainable Growth Management Plan ("SGMP");

WHEREAS, the SGMP supports and encourages local and small businesses that create employment opportunities in the County, including green industry and supports incentives for economic development for targeted industries;

WHEREAS, the SGMP establishes a goal to "develop incentives to encourage renewable energy...industries to expand or locate in the County";

WHEREAS, the Public Service Company of New Mexico's (PNM) Renewable Energy Certificate ("REC") incentive payments for customer-scale solar electric projects have been very effective at stimulating the solar industry in Santa Fe County during the past two years;

WHEREAS, PNM has filed Case No. 11-00265-UT, PNM's 2012 Renewable Energy Procurement Plan, with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission;

WHEREAS, PNM's plan proposes to substantially reduce the REC incentive payments for solar power projects thereby jeopardizing the continued expansion of a vibrant solar industry in Santa Fe County;

## NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County directs staff to intervene in NMPRC Case No. 11-00265-UT for the purpose of supporting the maintenance of REC incentive payments that will continue to attract and expand the solar industry in the County and other policies set forth in the SGMP. The County may support and join the testimony, briefs and pleadings of other parties with similar positions.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 30 DAY OF AUGUST, 2011.

Virginia Vigil, Chair

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

ATTEST:\_

Valerie Espirosa, Codato

Stephen C. Ross, County Attorney



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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 31ST Day Of August, 2011 at 02:48:20 pm And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1644095 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

Aness My Hand And Seal Of Office Valerie Espinoza

County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM