

SANTA FE COUNTY RESOLUTION

NO. 2019 – 41

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COUNTY'S TRANSITION TO CLEAN,
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY BY PARTICIPATING IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE
COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO SOLAR DIRECT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 2017-68, the Board of Santa Fe County Commissioners adopted and supports the goals of the Paris Agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Fe County (County); and

WHEREAS, the County is reducing greenhouse gas emissions through implementing waste reduction, recycling, water conservation, energy efficiency, renewable energy systems, and fleet management in County facilities and operations as directed by lead-by-example Resolutions Nos. 2013-7 and 2013-41; and

WHEREAS, the County is producing renewable energy at thirteen photovoltaic (PV) facilities with a capacity of over 1.4 megawatts of direct current; and

WHEREAS, for some of the County's facilities, the installation of behind-the-meter PV systems is not feasible or has a low return-on-investment; and

WHEREAS, the County purchased approximately five million kilowatt hours of electricity from the Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) in 2018, of which approximately 17% is produced by renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, PNM is offering local governments, institutions and businesses an opportunity to subscribe to the PNM Solar Direct program to meet renewable energy production goals by purchasing solar power at a premium billing rate; and

WHEREAS, the County's 50% participation in PNM Solar Direct program will increase the County's portfolio of renewable energy to over 80% upon completion of PNM's solar generation facility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County, hereby:

1. Has interest in subscribing fifty percent of the County's electrical use from PNM via PNM Solar Direct;
2. Directs the County Manager to monitor and, if necessary, intervene and comment on the PNM Solar Direct approval process with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission;

3. Directs the County Manager to negotiate a subscription to PNM Solar Direct and bring the proposed agreement to the Board for consideration; and
4. Directs the County Manager to initiate discussions with other off-site renewable energy providers to increase opportunities for Santa Fe County to transition to renewable power.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 12th DAY OF MARCH, 2019

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

Anna Hamilton

 Anna Hamilton, Chair

ATTESTATION:
Geraldine Salazar

 Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Bruce Fredrick

 Bruce Fredrick, County Attorney



[Signature]

 Finance Director



COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
 Deputy *Estrella Martinez* County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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