

SANTA FE COUNTY**Resolution No. 2008- 115**

**A RESOLUTION OF SANTA FE COUNTY SUPPORTING HOUSE
MEMORIAL 13 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE
COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE APPROPRIATE INTERIM
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO STUDY POSSIBLE
REGULATION OF THE PROPANE GAS INDUSTRY BY THE
PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION.**

WHEREAS, rising fuel costs across the country are of increasing concern to the public, especially low-income persons in rural areas of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, many low-income persons in the rural areas depend on propane gas as an energy source to heat their homes in the winter; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that those New Mexicans who are most vulnerable to the high costs of fuel be protected; and

WHEREAS, the propane gas industry and the rates charged for propane gas services are not currently regulated by the Public Regulation Commission; and

WHEREAS, including the propane gas industry under the Public Utility Act would provide the Public Regulation Commission with authority over entities manufacturing, storing, selling, or distributing propane gas in enclosed containers or tank trucks for use by consumers, except consumers who receive their supply through any pipeline system operating under municipal authority; and

WHEREAS, oversight of the propane gas industry by the Public Regulation Commission would ensure that New Mexicans, particularly low-income New Mexicans, are paying fair prices for propane gas; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Legislature passed HM13 based on the foregoing:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY supports the request of the New Mexico legislative council to direct the appropriate interim legislative committee to study possible regulation of the propane gas industry by the Public Regulation Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BCC supports the request that the study include a review of the following:

- A. the relationship between the low income home energy assistance program and the propane industry;

- B. current regulation of propane installations by the construction industries division of the regulation and licensing department; and
- C. liability issues associated with the propane industry; and

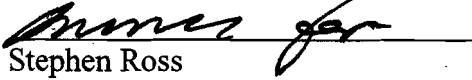
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the New Mexico legislative council and the chair of the Public Regulation Commission.

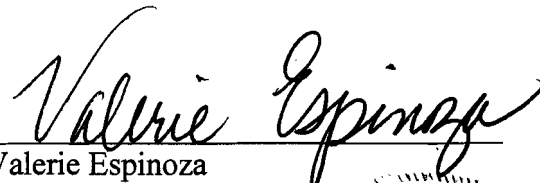
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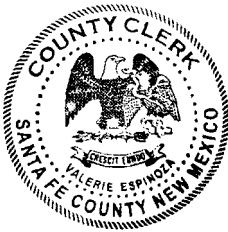

Chair Paul Campos

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ATTEST:


Stephen Ross
County Attorney

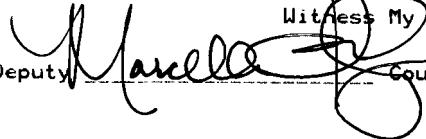
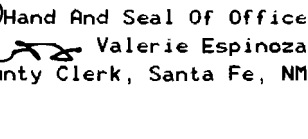

Valerie Espinoza
County Clerk



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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