Resolution in Support of Renewable Energy

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners endeavors to minimize environmental impacts by encouraging renewable resources, alternative energy and fuels, water conservation and waste reduction, and:

WHEREAS, Colorado is known to have a wealth of renewable resources including solar, geothermal, wind, hydroelectric and biomass, and others, and;

WHEREAS, per the Saguache County Comprehensive Plan and Saguache Colorado Strategy Plan recognizing the importance of the recreation and resource protection, Saguache County places the highest priority on the continuation of traditional and historic uses such as grazing, timber harvesting, mining and energy development, and;

WHEREAS, Saguache County is identified in the designation of Section 368 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public law (109-58 H.R. 6) enacted August 8, 2005, which requires the United States Department of Energy, of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management. Department of agriculture, Forest Service and Defense to conduct any “environmental reviews” necessary to complete the designation of Section 368 energy corridors. The proposed designation of Section 368 energy corridors would not result in any direct impacts on the ground that may significantly affect the quality of the human environment, and;

WHEREAS, THE Department of Local Affairs (DoLA) anticipates a population growth of 0.9% in Saguache County over the next 25 years, increasing the current population of 6469 to a total population of 8865.

WHEREAS, under C.R.S 40-2-124 The State of Colorado requires each qualifying retail utility to generate, or cause to be generated, electricity from eligible energy resources in the following minimum amounts;

Twenty percent of retail electricity sales in Colorado, for the years 2015 through 2019;

And;

Thirty percent of retail electricity sales for the years 2020 and thereafter.

NOW THEREFORE TO BE RESOLVED, THAT THE Saguache County Board of County Commissioners are committed to encouraging and promoting the growth of all forms of renewable energy development within Saguache County.

DATED this 9th day of June, 2015
Commissioners voting aye in favor of the resolution were:

[Signatures]

Commissioners voting nay against the resolution were:

[Signature]

I certify that the resolution is a true and correct copy of the same as it appears in the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners of Saguache County, Colorado and the votes upon same are true and correct.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2015

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County Clerk and Recorder - Deputy

Saguache County, Colorado