

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF MONTEZUMA
STATE OF COLORADO**

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Montezuma County, Colorado, duly convened and held the 2nd day of February, 2015, with the following persons in attendance:

Commissioners:	Keenan G. Ertel, Larry Don Suckla
Commissioners Absent:	James Lambert
County Administrator:	Melissa Brunner
County Attorney:	John Baxter
Clerk and Recorder:	Kim Percell

the following proceedings, among others, were taken:

**Resolution # 2-2015
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 Montezuma County Comprehensive Plan (Chapter 12, #4), recognizing the importance of recreation and resource protection, Montezuma County places the highest priority on the continuation of traditional and historic uses such as grazing, timber harvesting, mining and energy development, and;

WHEREAS, per the Montezuma County Land Use Code, renewable energy, hydroelectric, solar or wind farms, are a "Use by Right" under Industrial and Agricultural/Residential (AR) zoned parcels, and;

WHEREAS, Montezuma 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 Departments 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, Montezuma County's local electrical coop, Empire Electric Association, Inc., sold 700,000,000 kWh, more or less, to residential, commercial and industrial users in 2014, and anticipates the need for service to increase, and;

WHEREAS, the Department of Local Affairs (DoLA) anticipates a population growth of 62% in Montezuma County over the next 25 years, increasing the current population by 15,000, with a total population of 40,051.

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;

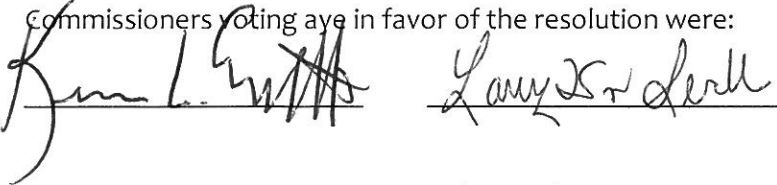
and;

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montezuma County Board of County Commissioners are committed to encouraging and promoting the growth of all forms of renewable energy development within Montezuma County.

DATED this 2nd day of February, 2015.

Commissioners voting aye in favor of the resolution were:

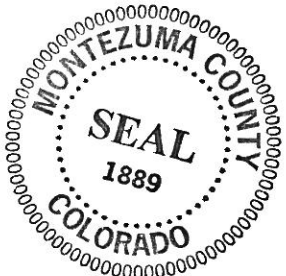
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Commissioners voting nay against the resolution were:

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

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2015.

(SEAL)





County Clerk and Recorder
Montezuma County, Colorado