

**CITY OF SOCCORO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-06-20b**

**RELATED TO THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVING THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND INCLUDING THE INDUSTRIAL PARK CORRIDOR; DIRECTING THE INVESTIGATION OF THE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM INTERCONNECTION REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION WITH TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the City owns and operates an industrial park which is designed to encourage and attract business and industry to the Socorro area and thereby increase and improve economic opportunities for the area's workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 18, 2016, by Ordinance No. 16-03-21b, the Socorro City Council created a municipal utility to provide for the efficient delivery of reliable electric power service to the City, its industrial park and the public, at the lowest cost; and

**WHEREAS**, since that time, Socorro has conducted multiple studies, preliminary system valuations, and a municipal utility feasibility study investigating a range of utility service options including the acquisition of existing infrastructure and/or the construction of electric utility assets within the City. The City has also conducted a Request for Information for wholesale electric supply; and

**WHEREAS**, in December 2022, the City issued RFP No. 021023 soliciting proposals to provide 30% conceptual engineering drawings for suggested primary voltage distribution and service line routes, equipment specifications and the estimated cost to develop the preliminary design of the interconnection facilities, distribution substation, distribution feeders, service voltage transformers, service lines and metering equipment to connect selected customers to the Socorro municipal electric utility; and

**WHEREAS**, given that the Franchise Agreement with SEC expires in 2024, the City of Socorro desires to begin providing electric utility services within the city limits and within the Industrial Corridor as soon as possible after the expiration of the SEC Franchise Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, to provide such service, the City will need to locate electric generation within or adjacent to the City, and/or, provide for the transmission of electricity to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 2023, the Governing Body authorized City administration, in conjunction with City contractors and consultants to develop preliminary pro forma financial statements in anticipation of seeking funding for the construction and operation of the City's municipal utility; and

**WHEREAS**, to facilitate both the conceptual drawings required in RFP No. 021023 and the development of pro forma financial statements, the City will need to understand the

transmission system facility interconnection requirements of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Socorro**, that the City administration, in conjunction with various City municipal utility consultants and contractors, is directed to investigate the facility interconnection requirements that may be required by Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State), including but not limited to the following:

1. Research any Tri-State published requirements, procedures and standards for transmission system facility interconnections.;
2. Initiate contact with relevant Tri-state interconnection managers and/or administrators;
3. Identify the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, Western Electric Coordinating Council and Tri-State reliability requirements and practices that are relevant to the transmission interconnection process;
4. Identify any system studies, and approximate costs of the same, that may be required by Tri-State to facilitate the transmission system interconnection; and
5. Develop and propose a timeline for making application for a transmission system interconnection with Tri-State.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Socorro**, that City administration is directed to brief the Council no later than September 30, 2023, on the facility interconnection requirements and tasks identified above.

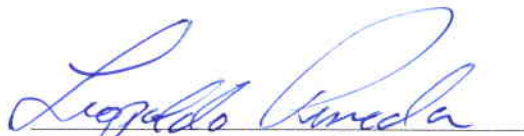
**Passed, Approved and Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.**

**ATTEST:**



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Ravi Bhasker, Mayor



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Leopoldo Pineda, City Clerk