

**CITY OF SOCCORO**

**RELATED TO THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVING THE CITY OF SOCCORO AND INCLUDING THE INDUSTRIAL PARK CORRIDOR; DIRECTING ADMINISTRATION TO IDENTIFY RIGHT-OF-WAY TO SERVE THE INDUSTRIAL PARK CORRIDOR AND SITES FOR PLACEMENT OF A CITY OWNED SUBSTATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-05**

**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 an RFP soliciting proposals to provide 30% conceptual engineering in furtherance of 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**, 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.; and

**WHEREAS**, in June of 2023, the Governing Body authorized the City administration, in conjunction with various City municipal utility consultants and contractors, to investigate the facility interconnection requirements that may be required by Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State); and

**WHEREAS**, the City will also need to better understand optimal placement of a City-owned substation in relation to Tri-State facilities as well as ownership of any lands identified; and

will need to inventory and understand what right-of-way currently exists to serve the Industrial Park.


**NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Socorro, that the City administration is directed to investigate and identify as follows:**

1. Alternative sites of sufficient size and access for placement of a City owned substation. Administration is directed to consider proximity to Tri-State facilities when identifying alternative sites;
2. For each identified alternative substation site, administration shall indicate the owner of the real estate (based on County records), acreage available, approximate cost of acquisition (unless owned by the City), access that currently may exist and any access that may be needed in the future;
3. All right-of-way currently owned and maintained by the City necessary to connect Industrial Park loads to the various alternative substation sites; and
4. Administration shall develop and present such alternative sites and inventoried right-of-way using best available mapping.

**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 October 31, 2023, on such alternative substation sites and necessary inventoried right-of-way.**

**Passed, Approved and Adopted this 5th day of July, 2023.**

**ATTEST:**

  
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Ravi Bhasker, Mayor

  
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Leopoldo Pineda, City Clerk