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Taos County resolution No.2010-57

Editor's note: This is the text of the resolution on Kit Carson Electric Cooperative's rate hike that was passed Tuesday (Oct. 26) by the Taos County Commission.

A resolution requesting review by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission of the rate increases for electrical power proposed by the Kit Carson Electric Cooperative

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Taos County (Commission) is the duly authorized governing body of Taos County, a New Mexico political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, Taos County is empowered to act to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens pursuant NMSA 1978, section 4-37-1; and

WHEREAS, the County of Taos, the State of New Mexico and the United States are currently in the midst of a severe recession, that has made it difficult for many Taos County families to meet their financial obligations; and

WHEREAS, many Taos County residents have expressed concern and worry to the Board about the impact of the proposed rate increase on their finances; and

WHEREAS, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (Kit Carson) has not made sufficient efforts to make a public disclosure of its financial position to justify the need for the proposed rate increase; and

WHEREAS, Kit Carson's executive and board member compensation has come under public scrutiny in the past and more recently in light of the proposed rate increase; and

WHEREAS, the Board is concerned that Kit Carson has not demonstrated that it is unable to make budget cuts that will obviate the need for the proposed rate increase while avoiding layoffs that will hurt the families for those employees;

NOW, therefore, be it resolved by the Taos County Board of Commissioners, the governing body of the county of Taos, New Mexico, that the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission review the rate increases for electrical power being proposed by Kit Carson Electrical Cooperative upon the anticipated protest by a substantial number of its members.