

Resolution No. 2013-12

A Resolution Supporting Kit Carson Electric Cooperative's Request to Deny Tri-State Generation and Transmission an Interim Rate Increase.

Whereas, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. (KCEC) is a consumer-owned and controlled electric distribution cooperative providing service to 28,813 residents in Taos, Rio Arriba and Colfax Counties and of those, the Village of Angel Fire comprises 2,854 metered residences and businesses, and

Whereas, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) ruled on March 13, 2013 to deny a request by Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association to implement an interim rate increase until the matter of a permanent increase could be heard before the commission, and

Whereas, Tri-State, the supplier of electricity to KCEC, has requested the PRC reconsider its decision to deny an interim rate increase to its member cooperatives, and

Whereas, the PRC has already suspended the rate increase thus saving KCEC members over \$330,000 as of the end of February if the rate increase had gone into effect, and

Whereas, the PRC has already ruled on this matter and the facts of the case have not changed whatsoever since that ruling was handed down, and

Whereas, KCEC, along with Springer and Continental Divide cooperatives, protested the rate increase in November 2012 and again in January 2013 in accordance with legislation passed in 2000 allowing the PRC to have regulation power over Tri-State if three cooperatives protested a rate increase, and

Whereas, residents and businesses within the KCEC service territory are experiencing challenging economic times and a rate increase at this time would be economically detrimental, and

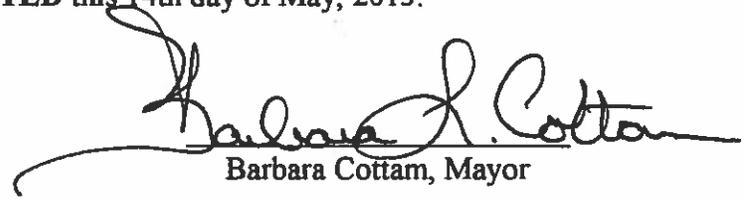
Whereas, the proposed rate increase includes a 4.9% rate increase, and elimination of the capacity charges, and

Whereas, the \$800,000 increase for KCEC members will result in a 9% increase for residential consumers. Tri-State has requested a rate increase of 9% to affect only the three protesting New Mexico cooperatives, and

Whereas, on January 25, 2013 Tri-State filed a Complaint for Declaratory or Injunctive Relief with the U.S. District Court challenging the New Mexico State legislation they had agreed to in 2000 as a condition of the Plains merger approval, and

Now therefore be it resolved, the Village of Angel Fire urges the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission to continue to deny any interim rate increase by Tri-State Generation and Transmission.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 14th day of May, 2013.


Barbara Cottam, Mayor

Attest:


Terry Cordova, Village Clerk