



**SAN LUIS VALLEY**  
**RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Jim Clare  
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Dear Jim:

At the bi-monthly meeting of the San Luis Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) on Monday, December 17, 2007 you presented information to them about the San Luis Valley (SLV) Electric System Improvement Project. With the interest, of several solar electric companies, in siting large solar electric installations in the SLV, it is timely and necessary to expand the capacity of power transmission. In addition, the 2002 voltage collapse that occurred when the net SLV load exceeded 65 megawatts demonstrated the need for capacity expansion. Beyond assuring reliability of service in the SLV, an additional 230-kilovolt line will allow for the development and export of new generation resources which we see as a growing industry in the Valley.

For the above reasons we are in support of the planning for the improvement project, and hope that it leads to the installation of a 230-kilovolt line.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Gurule for".

Harold Anderson, Chairman