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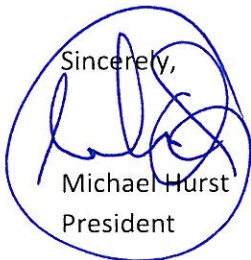
Board of Directors
SLV Rural Electric Cooperative
c/o Jim Clare
3625 West Highway 160
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Dear Board Members,

Del Norte Federal Bank is pleased to support the proposed additional transmission line into the San Luis Valley. Our board of directors is concerned about the current vulnerable source of power due to a sole transmission line. This alternate transmission line will provide a more reliable power service to both the SLV Rural Electric Cooperative and Xcel Energy customers. Further it provides additional benefits for the future with an opportunity to export renewable solar energy out of the Valley and it provides additional power capacity for increased demand due to economic development.

Del Norte Federal Bank looks forward to assisting you in advancing this project.

Sincerely,



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