

**CHAFFEE COUNTY COLORADO
RESOLUTION 2010-15**

**SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION
ASSOCIATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO CONSTRUCT A
SOUTHERN ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION ROUTE**

FINDING AND CONCLUSIONS:

WHEREAS, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association ("Tri-State") and Public Service Company of Colorado, an Xcel Energy Company ("Xcel") are jointing proposing to construct, own and operate the San Luis Valley-Calumet-Comanche Transmission Project (the "Southern Transmission Route").

WHEREAS, a proposal has been made for an alternate, northern route that would pass partially through Chaffee County (the "Alternative Northern Route").

WHEREAS, the Southern Transmission Route would provide significant benefit to the businesses and residences of Chaffee County by protecting the economy of southern Chaffee County against catastrophic power outages and would provide more reliable power to the citizens of southern Chaffee County.

WHEREAS, the Alternative Northern Route would be detrimental to the citizens of Chaffee County by unduly increasing the cost of completing the project and therefore result in increased utility bills for the people of Chaffee County.

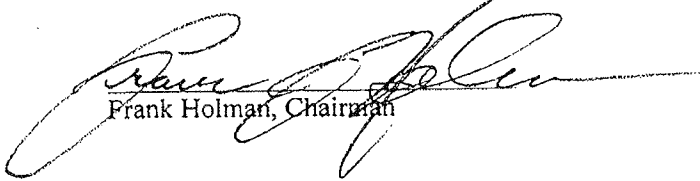
WHEREAS, at its meeting held on February 9, 2010, the Board voted to support the creation of the Southern Transmission Route and directed the County attorney to prepare a written resolution outlining the findings of the Board and authorized the Chairman to sign the resolution.

RESOLUTION:

NOW THEREFORE be it unanimously resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Chaffee County that Chaffee County supports the efforts of Tri-State and Xcel to create the "Southern Transmission Route.

ADOPTED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED this 9th of February, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Frank Holman, Chairman

