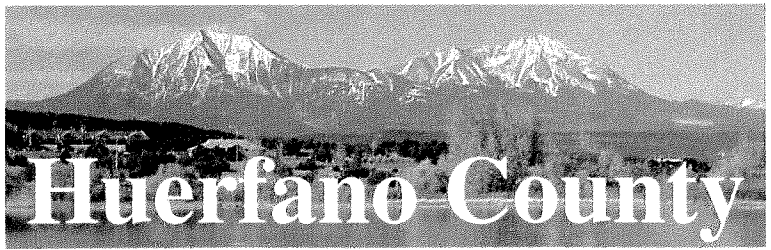


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**Board of County Commissioners**

March 17, 2010

Tri-State G&T  
Attn: Karli Massey  
1100 West 116<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Westminister, CO 80234

To Tri-State G&T Board:

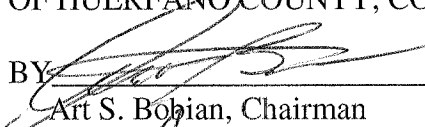
Please accept this letter as evidence of support from the Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners for additional transmission capacity through Huerfano County. The foundation of this support is twofold. First is the need for reliable power to the San Luis Valley. Second is the potential for wind and solar development in Huerfano County. Economic development in both the San Luis Valley and Huerfano County are dependent on additional transmission capacity.

As you are aware, Huerfano County's dominant private employer is closing its doors. The future of Huerfano County depends on the ability to attract industry. Without additional electric supply and transmission capacity, the most promising industries – wind and natural gas development, will not have one of the necessary resources to move forward.

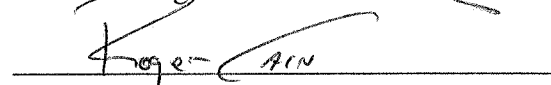
Huerfano County did have reservations concerning the location of the proposed transmission line. However, with the removal of the southern route as an option, the Huerfano County Commissioners give their full support to the proposed project following the existing ARCO (Oxy-USA) Line.

Sincerely,  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO

BY:

  
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