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Board of County Commissioners

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Public Utility Commission  
1560 Broadway, Suite 250  
Denver, CO 80202

Dear PUC Commissioners:

TriState and Xcel Energy have proposed a transmission line from Comanche power plant to a proposed substation called Calumet as part of their transmission project to the San Luis Valley. Huerfano County has a history of lower than average personal income and few economic opportunities. There are three resources in the County that have the potential to elevate both personal incomes and economic vitality. Those are gas exploration, Cuchara Recreation area (also known as the 'ski area'), and wind power generation. Each of these resources requires power transmission to operate. Several companies have done seismic research and intend to begin exploratory drilling by the end of the year and there are two approved wind projects with another in the process. The Cucharas Recreation Cooperative has completed a business plan and is courting investors. As you can see, there is potential for economic activity in the immediate future.

The Huerfano County Commissioners are aware of the resistance to the section of line between the Calumet substation and the Valley and fully understand your need to balance the rights of individuals with the public good. Your position as regulators and the mountain of associated work gains you our respect. We understand that decisions that cover such a large geographic area have a myriad of potential impacts.

Please accept this letter as both sincere support for the entire project and a request to consider moving forward with the Comanche to Calumet section without delay.

Sincerely,  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO

BY   
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