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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments and information pursuant to SB 100.

1. We urge that potential energy resource zones labeled as Regions 2 and 3 of Colorado be designated as Competitive Renewable Energy Zones, because of their estimated wind energy generating capacity.
2. We will soon have three development-stage wind energy projects in or near these regions, which could be served by new and upgraded electric transmission equipment, which would be both a common solution for getting clean, low-cost energy into the Colorado market, and for causing economic development beneficial to Colorado.

3. We are not yet participating in the interconnection agreement process, believing that the first CREZ line will probably be built to Region 1, as announced.

4. Region 2 and Region 3 have suffered from recent trends of declining population and economic opportunity, as well as loss of water needed for agriculture. Letters and Resolutions of support for designating Region 2 and Region 3 as CREZ, and for improving transmission infrastructure to Region 2 and 3, can be furnished upon request.

5. Our primary interest areas may be the counties of Baca, Cheyenne, Lincoln, Elbert and Las Animas, with their thousands of megawatts of generation capacity, but we also believe that SB 100 should be used to improve Colorado's pathway to the southwestern U.S., where the market for power greatly exceeds the market here in Colorado. Colorado's renewable resources are of a magnitude greater than those that will be needed in the Colorado market in the foreseeable future. Ideally, Colorado consumers should have the benefit of ample import/export architecture at Four Corners, so wholesale power could be more easily brought into Colorado when it is cost effective to do so, and green energy could be exported through the same pathway. A southwestern Colorado CREZ should be studied.

6. Wind projects can generally be in service within two years of notice of transmission availability and market need.

We respectfully request that Regions 2 and 3 be named as Colorado Competitive Renewable Energy Zones, causing infrastructure investment.

Very truly yours,

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