



March 31, 2023

Les Montoya, General Manager
Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative
P.O. Box 240
Mora, NM 87732

RE: GRIP Funding for Three-Part Wildfire Damage Mitigation Project

Dear Mr. Montoya:

Transmission & Distribution Services LLC (T&D) has provided electrical engineering and surveying support to Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative (MSMEC) for over fifteen years. During this time, T&D has gained vast familiarity with MSMEC's electric distribution system and developed a close working relationship with the cooperative's staff.

When the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon wildfire struck MSMEC's service area in 2022, T&D immediately offered services to MSMEC to assist in restoring electricity to residents by assessing and repairing damaged lines. Several of T&D's staff are from the Mora area and are invested in the community. T&D has continued to work with MSMEC in its rebuilding, restoration, and resiliency efforts.

T&D is committed to providing engineering support to MSMEC to perform the Three-Part Wildfire Damage Mitigation Project. T&D agrees that this Project is necessary to strengthen the resiliency of MSMEC's electric system and to help prevent the future occurrence of damage from wildfires and other natural disasters. T&D has the technical experience and skilled staff to ensure that the Project will be successful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H. B.', is located below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Harry Barnes Jr.
Managing Member



NEW MEXICO RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

Charise M. Swanson
Chief Executive Officer

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April 3, 2023

Mr. Les Montoya
General Manager
Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative
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Dear Mr. Montoya,

As a member, you know New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NMRECA) has a mission to strengthen, support, unify and represent Cooperative member interest at the local, state, and national levels. All nonprofit electric cooperatives that NMRECA represents are member owned, democratically run, community-based organizations that are generally located in disadvantaged and underserved rural and remote areas across New Mexico. These cooperatives, by their very nature have helped advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility since their inception through the Rural Electrification Act.

The current Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (BIL) and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 have made grant opportunities available to rural electric cooperatives, and NMRECA has taken measures to support its members in New Mexico. The BIL – Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) grant expands and accelerates the electric cooperative's efforts of modernizing and hardening electric systems to increase grid resiliency against increasing climate related threats while transitioning to clean energy without increasing the energy burden to their member-owners.

Because you are a member of NMRECA, we commit to partnering with Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative (MSMEC) to provide any additional services necessary to make the Three-Part Wildfire Damage Mitigation Project a success. NMRECA can be a sub-recipient or contractor provider and/or procure support services if the need arises during the Project.

We look forward to serving you –

Charise Swanson

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March 13, 2023

Dear Mr. Montoya

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 611 has a long-standing relationship with Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative (MSMEC). Together we have worked collaboratively with on the job training opportunities to equip local workers with the skills to have the highly trained and very well paid jobs offered at MSMEC like the journeyman linemen and other support staff to provide safe reliable electric service in the MSMEC service area.

In light of the devastation of last year's Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon Wildfire, it is undeniable that utilities have to take measures to prepare and defend against the grid against wildfires and other disasters. IBEW strongly supports MSMEC in its endeavors to bring grant money for the Three-Part Wildfire Damage Mitigation Project to recover and strengthen the resiliency of the MSMEC electric grid to provide clean reliable energy and continuously develop and grow the workforce in this disadvantaged area. Making these improvements with the aid of grants available will improve the resiliency, prepare for growth and the move to clean energy without adding the financial burden to MSMEC members.

The IBEW strongly supports MSMEC in its endeavors in applying for grant money for the Three-Part Wildfire Damage Mitigation Project and looks forward to employment opportunities with other IBEW members that can assist MSMEC to make this project a success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pete Trujillo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Pete" being more prominent than the last name "Trujillo".

Pete Trujillo
Business Manager
IBEW Local Union 611

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OPEIU 251, AFL-CIO



April 3, 2023

Mr. Les Montoya
General Manager
Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative
P.O. Box 240
Mora, NM 87732

Dear Mr. Montoya,

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. is pleased to provide support for Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative's application for federal funding under the U.S. Department of Energy's Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Funding Opportunity Announcement DE-FOA-0002740.

We understand that Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative proposes to use GRIP funding for their Three-Part Wildfire Damage Mitigation Project. This work is critical, and the project will benefit the cooperative members in the region by reinforcing the electrical grid to increase the efficiency, capacity, reliability, and resilience of clean energy.

Leveraging federal funds is particularly helpful for not-for-profit electric cooperative like Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative that face numerous challenges in keeping power affordable for the impoverished residents of rural communities. Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. will work with Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative to provide data necessary to assist the outage management and distribution automation systems to perform at work best.

As Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative's wholesale power supplier, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. is an important partner in their efforts to bring affordable, reliable, and responsible electricity to their cooperative members in New Mexico. So, we are proud to support this proposal for GRIP funding.

Sincerely,

Mr. Lonnie Tucker
Member Relationship Manager
Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.
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Les Montoya
General Manager
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Dear Mr. Montoya,

The Santa Fe National Forest (SFNF) Pecos/Las Vegas District has a long-standing relationship with Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative (MSMEC), its employees, and its members. MSMEC has powerlines that run through SFNF and recently worked under a letter issued by the Forest Supervisor to rebuild damaged powerline from the Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon Wildfire. MSMEC will continue working on the Special Use Permit and incorporate the Three-Part Wildfire Damage Mitigation Project's enhanced vegetation management and grid modernization plan in it.

In light of the devastation of last year's Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon Wildfire it is undeniable that it is important for utilities to consider taking additional measures to prepare and defend against wildfires and other disasters. SFNF strongly supports MSMEC in its endeavors to bring grant money for the Three-Part Wildfire Damage Mitigation Project to strengthen the resiliency of the MSMEC electric grid and to provide clean reliable energy while continuously developing and growing the workforce in this disadvantaged area. Making these improvements with the aid of grants available will not only improve the resiliency but prepare for growth and the move to clean energy without adding the financial burden to MSMEC members.

SFNF is committed to assist MSMEC and will be open to consider potential agreements as necessary to help make the Three-Part Wildfire Damage Mitigation Project a success.

Sincerely,

SHAUN SANCHEZ
Forest Supervisor





San Miguel County

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March 10, 2023

Les Montoya, General Manager
Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative
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March 20, 2023

Dear Mr. Montoya

San Miguel County (SMC) has a long-standing relationship with Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative MSMEC), its employees and members. Reliable, affordable and clean energy is vital to the economic development of this rural and economically disadvantaged area. As an employer, MSMEC keeps a number of highly trained and very well paid positions like journeyman linemen in San Miguel county to providing essential electric service to SMC businesses and residents.

In light of the devastation of last year's Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon Fire it is undeniable that we have to take measures to prepare and defend our county against wildfires and other disasters. SMC strongly supports MSMEC in its endeavors to bring grant money for the Three-Part Wildfire Damage Mitigation Project to recover and strengthen the resiliency of the MSMEC electric grid to provide clean reliable energy and continuously develop and grow the workforce in this disadvantaged area. Making these improvements with the aid of grants available will improve the resiliency, prepare for growth and the move to clean energy without adding the financial burden to MSMEC members.

SC will assist MSMEC and consider potential agreements as necessary to help make the Three-Part Fire Wildfire Project a success.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Ansley".

Joy Ansley
County Manager



Les Montoya, General Manager
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April 5, 2023

Dear Mr. Montoya,

I would like to take a minute to show our support for the Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative. Help New Mexico (HELPMN) has a long-standing relationship with Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative (MSMEC). Together we have worked collaboratively with on-the-job training opportunities to equip local workers with the skills to have the highly trained and very well-paid jobs offered at MSMEC like the journeyman linemen and other support staff to provide safe reliable electric service in the MSMEC service area.

Considering the devastation of last year's Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon Wildfire it is undeniable that utilities have to take measures to prepare and defend the grid against wildfires and other disasters. HELPMN strongly supports MSMEC in its endeavors to bring grant money for the Three-Part Wildfire Damage Mitigation Project to recover and strengthen the resiliency of the MSMEC electric grid to provide clean reliable energy and continuously develop and grow the workforce in this disadvantaged area. Making these improvements with the aid of grants available will also improve the resiliency, prepare for growth and the move to clean energy without adding the financial burden to MSMEC members.

HELPMN looks forward to additional job training and any other opportunities to partner with MSMEC to make this project a success.

Sincerely,

Raughn Ramirez
Associate Director WIOA
Help NM