

**EDDY-LEA ENERGY ALLIANCE RESOLUTION**  
**AUGUST 22, 2018**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOLTEC INTERNATIONAL'S EFFORT TO BUILD  
AN INTERIM STORAGE FACILITY FOR SPENT NUCLEAR  
FUEL IN SOUTHEASTERN NEW MEXICO AND ELEA'S  
BECOMING A PARTY TO THE NRC ADJUDICATORY HEARING**

**WHEREAS**, the 2013 report from the President's Blue-Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future strongly recommended that one or more consolidated interim storage facilities be established to temporarily store the spent nuclear fuel generated by America's nuclear fleet, which generates approximately twenty percent of the electricity in the United States; and,

**WHEREAS**, Holtec International's sub-surface system, known as UMAX, is already certified by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and,

**WHEREAS**, design, construction, safety, security, financial assurance and technical control, as well as the complete process for storage, must be overseen and approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and,

**WHEREAS**, more than 2,000 shipments of spent fuel have occurred in America over the past thirty years without incident; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance (ELEA) believes the Holtec International consolidated interim storage facility will create approximately two hundred highly paid jobs and will provide a \$2,400,000,000 capital investment in southeastern New Mexico; and,

**WHEREAS**, southeastern New Mexico is home to the URENCO USA facility and the WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT and benefits from a positive relationship with the first enrichment facility to be built in the United States in 30 years, as well as the only licensed Nuclear Repository in the United States; and,

**WHEREAS**, the dry, remote southeastern corner of New Mexico is ideal for such temporary storage. A pre-existing scientific and nuclear operations workforce exists in the area, and a community that is open-minded and supportive of safe, secure nuclear projects. ELEA's property, located between Carlsbad and Hobbs, is a well characterized excellent location for an interim storage facility; and,

**WHEREAS**, Holtec International filed its application for a license to construct and operate the HI-STORE Consolidated Interim Storage Facility in Lea County, New Mexico, on March 30, 2017. On July 16, 2018 the Nuclear Regulatory Commission published a notice of opportunity to request a hearing and petition for leave to intervene; and,

**WHEREAS**, section 2.315(c) of 10 Code of Federal Regulations calls for the presiding officer in an adjudicatory proceeding to "afford an interested State, local governmental body (county, municipality, or other subdivision), and Federally recognized Indian Tribe that has not been admitted as a party under P 2.309, a reasonable opportunity to participate in a hearing."


**THEREFORE BE IT NOW RESOLVED**, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. P 2.315(c), the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance (ELEA), of New Mexico, the property owner where the siting of the facility will occur, hereby requests permission to participate in these proceedings as an interested party as a local governmental body and owner of the site. ELEA is a public entity formed through a Joint Powers Agreement among the cities of Carlsbad and Hobbs and the Counties of Eddy and Lea in southeastern New Mexico, an investor in the property for the proposed Holtec International Interim Storage Facility. ELEA has expectation of a large capital expenditure to build and develop the facility, economic development that will employ our citizens, and benefit from any future nuclear development, science and research activities; and,

**FURTHERMORE**, the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance designates John Heaton as its single representative for the hearing, and directs the Chairman, ELEA on behalf of the ELEA to execute the petition to participate as an interested local governmental body as an interested party in the proceeding on the HI-STORE application, if one is initiated.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2018, by the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance Board in an open meeting in Hobbs, New Mexico.



Sam Cobb  
Chairman



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