

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF EDDY
RESOLUTION NO. R-18-73
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOLTEC INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO
BUILD AN INTERIM STORAGE FACILITY FOR SPENT NUCLEAR
FUEL IN SOUTHEASTERN NEW MEXICO AND
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, the nuclear regulatory commission has licensed the Holtec 190 Transportation Cask through rigorous testing that would simulate the worst possible conceived crash. This Cask is the most robust cask developed and has four layers of containment to prevent any possible release of nuclear material; 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 two-billion-four-hundred-million-dollar (\$2,400,000,000) capital investment in southeastern New Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, the 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,

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FURTHERMORE, Holtec 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), 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 RESOLVED, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. P 2.315(c), The County of Eddy, New Mexico hereby requests permission to participate in these proceedings as an interested party as a local governmental body 35 miles from the site, a member of the JPA forming the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance, an investor in the property for the proposed Holtec International Interim Storage Facility, has expectation for a large capital expenditure to build and develop the facility, provides economic development that will employ our citizens and for future nuclear development, science and research activities; and,

FURTHERMORE, the Eddy County Board of County Commissioners designates Rick J. Rudometkin as its single representative for the hearing, and directs the Commission Chairman to execute the petition to participate as an interested county governmental body as an interested party in the proceeding on the HI-STORE application, if one is initiated; and,

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE EDDY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that our experience with the safe practices by the nuclear industry in our community, do strongly endorse and support the efforts of Holtec International to secure a license to construct and operate an interim storage facility for spent nuclear fuel in southeastern New Mexico; and, furthermore, direct the County Clerk to distribute this resolution to the legislature, governor, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and all members of Congress.


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INTRODUCED, PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 4th day of
September, 2018.

EDDY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



James Walterscheid, Acting Commission Chairman

ATTEST:


Robin Van Natta, County Clerk

