

CITY OF HOBBS

RESOLUTION NO. 6711

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 for 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 City of Hobbs 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 (WIPP) 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 in Lea County, 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, 10 C.F.R. 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 party under P 2.309, a reasonable opportunity to participate in a hearing."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Hobbs, that the City of Hobbs request permission to participate in these proceedings as an interested party as the local governmental body in whose jurisdiction the proposed site sits. The City of Hobbs has expectation of a large capital expenditure to build and develop the facility, economic development that will employ its citizens, and benefit from any future nuclear development, science and research activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Hobbs designates GARRY BUIE as its single representative for the hearing, and directs the Mayor on behalf of the governing body of the City of Hobbs to execute the petition to participate as an interested local governmental body and as an interested party in the proceeding on the HI-STORE application, if one is initiated.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.



SAM D. COBB, Mayor

ATTEST:

JAN FLETCHER, City Clerk