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Colorado Electric Transmission Authority

Re: CETA Draft Principles of Community Engagement

Grid United appreciates the opportunity to submit comments in response to Colorado Electric Transmission Authority's ("CETA") draft principles of community engagement ("Draft Principles"). Grid United strongly believes that a meaningful and transparent process with local communities is a critical piece to successfully developing transmission projects. We are pleased with CETA's Draft Principles and the focus on community engagement as a priority.

Background

Grid United was founded by a group of energy industry veterans who share the vision of building infrastructure projects that will help modernize the North American electric grid. We seek to accomplish what our company name implies – unite the North American electric grid by building new long-distance interregional transmission lines to ensure that North Americans have access to low-cost power when and where it is needed. Grid United is focused on accelerating the much-needed expansion and modernization of North America's electric power infrastructure to build a more reliable grid, create good paying jobs, and deliver low cost, clean, domestically-produced energy to businesses and homeowners across the country.

Feedback on CETA Draft Principles

Grid United is developing the Three Corners Connector project¹ between Pueblo, Colorado and the Oklahoma Panhandle. Our experience with a "landowner-first" development strategy of this project has informed our views on community engagement. By engaging landowners directly, and early in the development process, they become active partners.

We believe that the Draft Principles of Community Engagement from CETA reflect many of the best practices and lessons learned about how to best partner with local communities. We strongly support the nature of the principles overall.

Grid United will continue to work with CETA to ensure that the principles in action balance active and early participation from local communities, with the practical operational elements of transmission project development.

Sincerely,



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¹ <https://threecornersconnector.com/>