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Taos County Planning & Zoning Commission Approve Unanimously 3-0 in Favor of the Amalia II 8.75 MW Solar Array & 8.75 MW Battery Storage Facility

Taos, NM— December 6, 2024—The Taos County Planning and Zoning Commission has approved a special use permit for the construction of the KCEC Amalia II solar and battery storage facility in Amalia, NM. The proposed facility will generate 8.75 MW of solar energy and contain an 8.75 MW battery energy storage system (BESS). Construction is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2025.

The first phase, Amalia I, began commercial operations in May 2012 and has a solar power generation of 1.25 MW. The Amalia II facility will become the second largest solar facility within KCEC's local distributed renewable energy portfolio. When Amalia II becomes online, KCEC will own or operate 52 MW of solar generation and 25 MW of BESS.

The partnership of the Amalia II project between KCEC, Rio Costilla Cooperative Livestock Association (RCCLA), Guzman Energy and Lumance will further help KCEC meet its clean energy goals, including becoming one of the cleanest energy cooperatives in America. Amalia II will also contribute to the state of New Mexico's objective to achieve a statewide reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of 45% by the year 2030.

"This project will significantly benefit our communities by providing additional renewable resources and creating local jobs in the region. Our partnership with RCCLA has helped us preserve the ranching and farming traditions," says KCEC CEO Luis A. Reyes.

Renewable energy developer Luminace will build and maintain the Amalia II facility. Guzman Energy will oversee all energy management, including dispatching the battery storage system.

The Taos County Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously voted 3-0 in favor of the new Amalia II project. During its construction phase, the project will utilize local labor and contractors. KCEC plans to host a local job fair for those interested in working on the project.

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that serve rural New Mexico communities, serving nearly 30,000 members in Taos, Colfax and Rio Arriba counties. To learn more about Kit Carson, visit www.kitcarson.com.

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