## KIT CARSON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*November 7, 2025* 

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Kit Carson Electric Index Cooperative, Inc. (KCEC) was called to order by the President, Mr. Bobby Ortega, on Friday, November 7, 2025, at 10:04 a.m. in the Marcelino Martinez Room of the headquarters building of the Cooperative, Taos, New Mexico (NM). The President reported that Mr. Russ Coyle would not be attending and had requested to listen to the meeting. According to KCEC Policy, attendance of Board Meetings and Special Board Meetings will be in person only. The President stated that he would allow Mr. Coyle to listen to the proceedings but Mr. Coyle could not vote in the meeting because he was not present. The following Trustees were present:

> Martin Dimas Cristobal Duran Bruce Jassmann Manuel Medina Bobby Ortega Arthur Rodarte Bernie Torres David Torres Luisa Valerio-Mylet Sylvia Vigil

Present

Also present were Luis A. Reyes, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, Carmella Suazo, Assistant Manager, and Brianna Trujillo, Executive Secretary, who recorded the day's proceedings.

It was declared a quorum was present.

Quorum

Mr. Medina led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Pledge of Allegiance. Allegiance

Mrs. Valerio-Mylet led the Board in a word of Prayer.

Prayer

The agenda was presented. It was moved by Mr. Duran, Agenda seconded by Mr. Jassmann, and unanimously approved that the agenda be approved as presented.

The President thanked the Board for attending the Special Approve Meeting on such short notice. He reported that Mr. Reyes Waiver of had discussions with Mr. Joseph Sanchez, CEO, Jemez Five (5) Day Mountains Electric Cooperative (JMEC) that week and it Written was important to act as soon as possible. The President Notice reported that as per KCEC By-laws, written notice of the time, place and purpose of any special meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be given at least five (5) days previous there to, however Trustees may waive the notice in writing to

legally convene and transact business at the meeting. It was moved by Mr. B. Torres, seconded by Ms. Vigil, and unanimously approved, that the Waiver of Five (5) Day Written Notice of the special meeting be approved as presented. Mrs. Suazo collected signatures from all Trustees acknowledging the waiver. A copy of the Waiver was included in the Transfer of Documents and is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. Reyes reported that JMEC was awarded funding for the Resolution Alcalde Broadband Project. He reported that JMEC had No. 7-11-25 received corrective action plans and requests for additional Petitioning information regarding the project in August and September the Governor of this year. Mr. Reyes reported that he and Mr. Jose Lovato, of the state Manager, Kit Carson Internet, attempted to respond on of NM to behalf of JMEC but KCEC was not the awardee, and Reinstate responses were required from JMEC. He reported that Funding for JMEC received notice in October 2025 that the award was the JMEC cancelled and that the JMEC Board approved a motion to partner with KCEC to appeal the termination of the award Project at their last Board Meeting. Discussion was held regarding KCEC's mission to deliver services to underserved communities at affordable prices. Mr. Reyes stated that it was beneficial for members when Cooperatives help one another; he recommended approval of Resolution 7-11-2025 from JMEC and KCEC Petitioning the Governor of the state of NM to Reinstate Funding for the JMEC Broadband Project. Mr. Reyes reported that he served as a member of the Connect NM Council (CNMC), which works with OBAE to coordinate and expand broadband internet access throughout NM, he would advocate for Northern NM. He explained that poles were ready for construction, which would help the project timeline. Ms. Vigil asked if the project would affect KCEC's qualification for state funding in the future. Mr. Reves reported that KCEC had merit and achieved many goals by completing projects. It was moved by Mr. Jassmann, seconded by Mr. Duran, and unanimously approved that Resolution No. 7-11-25 be approved as presented. A Roll Call vote taken by Carmella Suazo, Assistant Manager (yes in favor, no against) was taken as follows:

Broadband

Mr. D. Torres – Yes Mr. Rodarte - Yes *Mr. Jassmann – Yes Mrs. Valerio-Mylet – Yes* Mr. Duran – Yes Mr. Ortega – Yes *Mr. Medina – Yes* Mr. Dimas – Yes *Mr. B. Torres – Yes* Ms. Vigil – Yes

Mr. Medina asked when construction would begin if the award was reinstated. Mr. Reyes reported that construction should begin at the end of November to meet the December 2026 deadline.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it Meeting was moved by Mr. Medina, seconded by Mr. Duran, and Adjourned unanimously approved that the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. be adjourned until November 25, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., the date and time of the next Board meeting. Unless changed and, thereupon, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m. The following Trustees were present at the end of the meeting:

Martin Dimas, Cristobal Duran, Bruce Jassmann, Manuel Medina, Bobby Ortega, Arthur Rodarte, Bernie Torres, David Torres, Luisa Valerio-Mylet and Sylvia Vigil.

Approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of NOV. 2025.

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