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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-14

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Bushee
Councilor Ives
Councilor Calvert

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING STAFF TO WORK WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO AND THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT A COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM FOR SANTA FE.

WHEREAS, Community Solar is defined as a solar-electric system that, through a voluntary program, provides power and/or financial benefit to, or is owned by, multiple community members; and

WHEREAS, Community Solar advocates are driven by the recognition that the on-site solar market comprises only one part of the total market for solar energy; and

WHEREAS, a 2008 study by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory found that only 22 to 27% of residential rooftop area is suitable for hosting an on-site photovoltaic (PV) system after adjusting for structural, shading, or ownership issues; and

WHEREAS, clearly, community options are needed to expand access to solar power for renters, those with shaded roofs, and those who choose not to install a residential system on their home for financial or other reasons; and

1 **WHEREAS**, fairness also supports expanding programs in ways that increase options for
2 participation; and

3 **WHEREAS**, as a group, ratepayers and/ or taxpayers fund solar incentive programs and as a
4 matter of equity, solar energy programs should be designed in a manner that allows all contributors to
5 participate; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Community Solar projects are designed to increase access to solar energy and
7 to reduce up-front costs for participants; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the secondary goals met by many Community Solar projects include:

- 9 • Improved economies of scale
- 10 • Optimal project siting
- 11 • Increased public understanding of solar energy
- 12 • Generation of local jobs
- 13 • Opportunity to test new models of marketing, project financing and service delivery

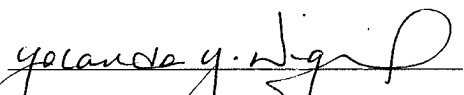
14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
15 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that staff is directed to work with the Public Service Company of New
16 Mexico and the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission to implement a Community Solar
17 program for Santa Fe.

18 PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 30th day of January, 2013.

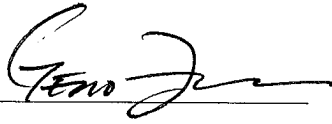
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21 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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25 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

1 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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