SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION
December 18, 2020

Resolution No. 2020-12D

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SUPPORT THE RESPONSE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH TEAM RELATED TO CORE CARBON AND RARE EARTH FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, AND RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2020-11E, the Coalition approved and authorized the Executive Director to pursue a DOE grant related to core carbon and rare earth minerals along with Emery County and others related to the development of the San Rafael Energy Research Center; and

WHEREAS, a team headed by Dr. Mike Free at the University of Utah is also pursuing such DOE grant; and

WHEREAS, after discussion with Dr. Free, it is the recommendation of the Executive Director and, of Commissioner Lynn Sitterud of Emery County, that the Coalition support the application being prepared by the team from the University of Utah and to provide support on Phase 1, and to participate in future phases.

WHEREAS, the development of rare earth minerals and alternate uses of carbon coal could have a significant impact within member counties of the Coalition:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Governing Board of the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition, Utah as follows:

1. The Governing Board approves the Executive Director to support the response from the University of Utah team related to core carbon and rare earth research funding in the Department of Energy Funding Opportunity Announcement due on January 5, 2021. The Board further authorizes the Executive Director to provide support to Phase 1 of the FOA, recognizing that the Coalition will not receive any of the funding related to Phase 1. The Board further authorizes the Executive Director to have the Coalition participate in future phases.

2. The Coalition Board authorizes the Executive Director to sign such letters and agreements necessary and helpful to cooperate with and support the University of Utah related to its submission of a response to the FOA and the Board further authorizes the Executive Director to take all other actions reasonable and desirable related to the FOA.

3. All parts of this Resolution are severable, and if any section, clause or provision of this Resolution shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of any such section, clause or provision shall not affect the remaining sections, clauses or provisions of this Resolution.
4. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its approval and adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this December 18, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Miles
Seconded by Commissioner Hopes

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VOTING:

Absent

Co-Chair Brad Horrock
Co-Chair, Lynn Sitterud

ATTEST:

Eric Johnson, Legal Counsel