

DEAR NEIGHBORS,

We have another threat to the beauty and peace of our beloved Central New Mexico area.



A company called Pattern Development and a quasi-state agency called RETA are proposing to construct a **345 kv electric transmission line** through Torrance and Valencia Counties from a power generation facility that will be built in Lincoln County. The line is called the Western Spirit Transmission line. The current **proposed route zigzags** up from Corona and north around Mountainair and down through the Abo watershed west of Mountainair and then back across US Highway 60 near Scholle, down again through the Tierra Grande subdivision and the dairy farm area of Veguita, then crosses the Rio Grande and passes through subdivisions west of Belen and Los Lunas until it finally reaches a PNM substation in Sandoval County northwest of Albuquerque. Much of the area through which it is proposed to be constructed is **where family land and homes are located**. Please check out the website westernspiritrtransmissionline.com to see where your property is located along the route. We don't think you will be happy!

This line will affect not only those property owners on whose land it will be located, but everyone within sight of the line. These are not little 80 foot utility poles like those used to get power to your homes. These are **monstrous 120 to 140 foot high voltage lattice towers** that can be seen from miles away. The humming noise associated with such power lines is well documented. And, there is a lot of data showing the harmful health effects of being near these high voltage lines because of the electromagnetic radiation they emit.

Resistiendo, Inc. is a nonprofit organization which was formed by your friends and neighbors four years ago to protect our communities from just this sort of threat. We invite you to inform yourselves about this latest danger to our area. **Come to a meeting of our group**, join the organization, and/or subscribe to our informational exchange internet group. Our web address is resistiendo.org which is being updated to reflect information about our opposition to the proposed routing of this monstrous, dangerous, unwanted, and unregulated high voltage transmission line. Please visit <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/resistiendotransmissionlines> to be placed on our email list to get updates about meetings and information about our actions.

We need your help in this fight. This high voltage line will likely adversely affect the value of your property and will certainly affect the beautiful scenery you see from your windows. Help preserve our land for the generations to come. Contact us at info@resistiendo.org for more information.

Because of hastily passed State legislation in 2007 which created the RETA entity, the developers of this transmission line claim **not to be subject to the Public Regulation Commission**, the duly elected body that has authority over the siting of all other transmission lines in New Mexico. RETA can not be considered an independent regulatory entity—they have no state funding, they have no staff, and everything they do is paid for by private self-interested for-profit companies like Pattern Development. (To be clear, that is **the fox guarding the henhouse.**) **WHO IS LOOKING OUT FOR US?**

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