

RESOLUTION NO. 2013 - 23

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO,
OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 13-252**

WHEREAS, the Colorado Senate, recently passed by one vote Senate Bill 13-252, a bill concerning measures to increase Colorado's renewable energy standards so as to encourage the employment of methane capture technology; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 13-252 raises the percentage of retail electricity sales that must be achieved from eligible renewable energy resources from ten percent (10%) to twenty-five percent (25%), starting in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the timeframe allowed for this substantial increase will result in significant impacts on retail electric service retail charges to consumers; and

WHEREAS, the economy of Rio Blanco County significantly relies on the energy industry which is the largest consumer of electric power in Rio Blanco County; and

WHEREAS, the substantial increase in costs incurred by wholesale providers in order to meet the increased percentage of eligible renewable energy will be passed on to retail consumers; and

WHEREAS, eligible renewable energy resources that are currently available to rural Colorado wholesale providers are expensive, inefficient and intermittent;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado as follows:

The Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County is opposed to the adoption of Senate Bill 13-252 in its present form for the following reasons:

1. Increasing the current percentage of retail electricity sales which must be obtained from eligible renewable energy resources from ten percent (10%) to twenty-five percent (25%) by 2020 is too great an increase in too short a period of time based upon current technologies available in the renewable energy field;
2. The current requirements contained in SB 13-252 will have a significant negative impact on the economy of Rio Blanco County due to the substantial increase in electricity costs to energy companies currently operating in Rio Blanco County.
3. Under the current economic circumstances any increase in electric costs to the citizens of Rio Blanco County will create substantial economic hardship;
4. Current renewable energy technologies cause renewable energy sources to be expensive, inefficient and intermittent and allowing a more extended time frame within which to increase the percentage of electricity required to be generated from such sources is appropriate;

5. The extremely expedited process which is being utilized to rush SB 13-252 through the legislative process without permitting an opportunity for stakeholders to be heard is unconscionable.

6. Transparent process allowing a full opportunity for the citizens of rural Colorado to participate should be followed;

The adoption of this Resolution is necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity, and improve the order, comfort, welfare and convenience of the citizens of Rio Blanco County.

~~DULY MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED ON A VOTE OF _____ FOR AND _____ AGAINST, THIS _____ DAY OF April, 2013.~~

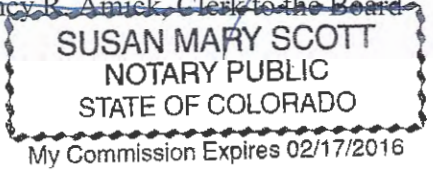
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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO**

ATTEST:

Susan Mary Scott

~~Nancy B. Amick, Clerk to the Board~~



4.19.2013

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Shawn J. Bolton, Chairman

Jon D. Hill

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Jeffrey D. Eskelson, Commissioner