Roaring Fork Transportation Authority

December 30, 2021

Mr. Rick M. Garcia
Executive Director
Department of Local Affairs
1313 Sherman Street
Denver, Colorado 80203

RE: Renewable and Clean Energy Initiative

Dear Mr. Garcia:

Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA) is pleased to continue its collaboration with Pitkin County and Holy Cross Energy on the AABC Integrated Clean Energy Microgrid Project in the Aspen Airport Business Center. This project is a unique opportunity to create a network of integrated clean energy systems across three large-scale essential public services for transportation and electrical operations to achieve energy resiliency and net-zero emissions.

The Microgrid Project includes the installation and integration of both new and existing renewable energy generation as well as energy storage in the form of Mega-Watt (MW) batteries across all facilities. RFTA is supportive of Pitkin County's application to the Renewable and Clean Energy Initiative to fund the first phase of this project which includes:

- Design engineering for 6 mW battery storage across all facilities (including RFTA)
- 2 mW of battery storage at Pitkin County Public Works and Airport
- Integration of the 5mW Holy Cross solar array

The second phase of the project includes:

- Additional 4 mW of battery storage across all three facilities, including RFTA
- Additional Solar PV at Public Works and RFTA

In support of Pitkin County's application for the first phase of the project, RFTA, pending Board approval on January 13, 2022, would contribute 25% of the total match, or $213,750 of the total $855,000 match for the grant.

With each partner doing their role, and with a steadfast desire to mitigate and adapt to Climate Change, the pursuit and implementation of this project has the potential to provide for a more resilient community and a pathway for a regionally net-zero economy.

Sincerely,

Dan Blankenship

Dan Blankenship
Chief Executive Officer