

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LINE TECHNICIAN PROGRAM – BELOW FAIR MARKET VALUE LEASE

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Background

- Existing MOU since 2008
- Existing lease at Pinello Ranch since 2018
- Need for Qualified Line technicians
- Local hiring = stay in community
- Provides hands on and classroom laboratory and practical training



Proposal

- Continue existing partnership with Trinidad State Junior College
 - Facilitate training of future linemen
 - Develop electric line technicians
- Lease portion of Pinello Ranch to Trinidad State Junior College
 - Five-year renewable lease
 - Educational program
 - Zero Lease rate
- Requires Council approval below market lease rate



Benefits

- Excellent pool for Colorado Springs Utilities and other regional utilities
- Well paying jobs (for non-college degreed individuals and veterans seeking a career or new career path)
- Local candidates, local training, local benefits community
- 90% successful placement in lineman industry
- Classroom and training facilities in one location
- Long-term use of property benefits the community
- Commitment for the College, City Council Utilities Board and Community
- Recruits from region most likely to stay in region



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Action Requested

• Request motion to approval resolution.

