From: Sent: To: Subject: Jean Nichols Sunday, October 27, 2024 9:23 AM FS-objections-southwestern-regional-office Re: Proposed Los Alamos National Laboratory Electrical Power Capacity Upgrade Project (LANL EPCU) Objections Based on NEW Information

Dear Reviewing Official, Michiko Martin, Regional Forester:

The Foxtail Flats + BESS project is underway to deliver 170 MW of electricity to the Los Alamos Power Pool (LAPP) from the north along the existing PNM power lines used to bring San Juan Generating Station energy to LANL. DOE/NNSA omitted it from consideration as an alternative to the LANL EPCU Project, even though it is a viable alternative under NEPA.

DOE/NNSA have failed to demonstrate the need for the 173 MW LANL EPCU Project to install new electrical line infrastructure to cross the Caja del Rio sacred area, the Rio Grande and the Pajarito Plateau.

It is an affront to the local pueblos and a further demonstration of environmental racism. impacting sacred sites.

Sincerely,

Jean Nichols