

Open Letter in Support of the IREN Kiowa Project

Dear Pittsburg County Commissioners,

We write in support of the proposed IREN project in Kiowa and to thank you for the time you have devoted to evaluating this opportunity for Pittsburg County.

This project represents a once-in-a-generation investment in our community. It would bring significant new revenue to support local schools, roads, public safety, libraries, and essential county services while creating more than 1,000 construction jobs and approximately 100 long-term operational employment opportunities. It also positions Pittsburg County to compete for the industries and economic growth in the future.

Communities across the country are competing for investments of this scale because they understand what they can mean for local families, young people, and long-term prosperity. Pittsburg County deserves the opportunity to benefit from responsible development that expands opportunity and strengthens our local economy.

We also appreciate that this project has received substantial public scrutiny and review. Community members have raised important questions about water use, energy impacts, noise, and environmental considerations. Based on the information presented through public meetings, technical review, published Q&As, and engagement with local stakeholders, we believe those concerns are being thoughtfully addressed and appropriate measures are in place.

No project of this size should move forward without careful deliberation, and we appreciate that process has occurred here.

We respectfully encourage the County Commissioners to continue moving forward and allow Pittsburg County to realize the benefits this investment can deliver for generations to come.

Sincerely,