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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Cisneros

SHORT TITLE Funds for New Mexico Role in National Energy Strategy      SJM 33/aSRC

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of SRC Amendment

Senate Joint Memorial 33 as amended by the Senate Rules Committee changes the reference to the location of the headquarters of the National Renewable Energy Administration from “the city of Santa Fe, la villa real de San Francisco de Assis” to “a city in New Mexico.”

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Joint Memorial requests that congress include appropriations in the national stimulus package for, and to recognize the importance of, New Mexico's pivotal role in the national energy strategy for economic recovery.

In addition, SJM 33 requests that Congress:

include an appropriation in the national stimulus package of seven billion dollars (\$7,000,000,000) each annually to New Mexico's Sandia and Los Alamos national laboratories to augment their current national security missions; and

assign the city of Santa Fe, la villa real de San Francisco de Assis, as headquarters of the national renewable energy administration and that an annual appropriation in the United States department of defense and the United States department of energy budgets include seven billion dollars (\$7,000,000,000) annually for the operation of the national renewable energy administration headquarters and research facilities; and transmit copies of this memorial to the New Mexico congressional delegation.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The bill has no direct fiscal implications. However, should the Congress appropriate the amounts requested, the state as a whole could benefit.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

SJM 33 cites New Mexico's strategic location, the presence of scientific, various geological and cultural research centers in the Santa Fe area as elements supporting New Mexico's claim as a key element in helping to chart the nation's future.

Also cited in support of this request are:

- New Mexico possesses comparative advantages in natural resources in the form of abundant and inexpensive desert land and hot dry rock geothermal resources; and
- New Mexico is second in solar irradiation nationally; and
- New Mexico has the science research facilities in Los Alamos and Sandia national laboratories.

The proximity of Santa Fe to national laboratories and to centers of intellectual scientific, cultural and governmental activities bolsters the request for funding.

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