



# City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

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Mark Sardella, Director  
Local Energy  
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Dear Mr. Sardella:

I am aware that the natural gas supply crisis is pushing gas prices upward, and that supply shortfalls in the coming heating season are possible. Indeed, the economic impact of higher gas prices on our city and surrounding community is a concern.

We are interested in getting more information about how the City can protect itself from the hardships of a future natural gas crisis, and a possible city-wide district-energy system that we discussed. This option appears to have the potential to provide economic benefit to the city, especially if the system is powered by renewable fuel harvested from forest thinning projects in our watershed.

I support your efforts to study the feasibility and benefits of biomass-fired district heating in Santa Fe, and will try to provide you with whatever information that you need.

Sincerely,

Craig O. Fiels  
Senior Economic Development Planner  
Community Development Division