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August 12, 2011

Dear Ms. Mosser,

This is in response to your recent email, requesting Pueblo County's concurrence that Pre-Existing Condition Assessment activities, as required under Condition of Approval C-5 of the approved 1041 Permit No. 2008-002, are considered to be a pre-construction activity. At the Board of County Commissioners Work Session on August 11, 2011, Colorado Springs Utilities staff stated this particular matter was no longer a consideration.

You also requested concurrence that, if necessary to accommodate property owners' schedules, those same Pre-Existing Condition Assessment activities do not have to comply with the time limitations within Condition of Approval C-6. This condition requires work to be performed "within the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday."

I have determined, with the concurrence of the Board of County Commissioners, that the Pre-Existing Condition Assessment activities may be conducted outside of the time limitations within Condition of Approval C-6, if needed to accommodate property owners' schedules.

Please be advised that this determination does not constitute an exemption from any other applicable regulations. The project is subject to approval by any regulatory agency where required by regulation or statute.

Sincerely,

Joan Armstrong
Interim Director



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11-January 2012

Ms. Julie Ann Woods
Director Pueblo County Planning and Development
229 West 12th Street
Pueblo, Colorado 81003

RE: Construction Activities Work Hour Extension Request
Southern Delivery System (SDS) Raw Water Pipeline South 2 (RWP S2) Work Package
Highway 50 Tunneling Activities, Pueblo West, Colorado

Dear Ms. Woods,

This week Garney Construction is commencing tunneling operations beneath U.S. Highway 50 (Hwy 50) in the southern portion of the SDS RWP S2 project alignment. The underground crossing consists of 355 feet of trenchless tunneling to install an 80-inch diameter pipe to be used as a casing for the 66-inch diameter raw water pipe and three 1.25-inch diameter HDPE conduits for future fiber optic use. Extended shut-down periods during active tunneling operations can pose certain risks. The primary risk occurs when lubrication pumping operations are suspended. During suspended periods of operation, granular soils can settle around the casing pipe. As shut-down periods become longer and settlement of granular soils increases, additional machine thrust is required to resume operations. This additional thrust required to resume operations can result in extra stresses being exerted on the tunneling machine and the steel casing pipe.

For these reasons and in accordance with Condition C-6 of the SDS 1041 Permit No. 2008-002, we are requesting approval to extend the allowable work hours for the tunneling operations. Condition C-6 states that work will be performed within the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and that work outside of these hours will be restricted to maintenance work and approved exceptions. We request an exception to allow tunneling operations at Hwy 50 to occur from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. seven (7) days per week including both Saturdays and Sundays on an as-needed basis. This exception is requested for the duration of the tunneling and casing pipe installation operations, which are anticipated to be completed by mid-April.

In accordance with Condition C-6, Colorado Springs Utilities intends to provide a letter to residences within 500 feet of the Hwy 50 crossing area notifying the residents of the potential extended work hours and days during this period. This notice will be sent at least 48 hours in advance of initial commencement of work outside of these hours. Additional follow up notification letters will be sent as needed to residences within 500 feet of the Hwy 50 crossing area at least 48 hours in advance of any proposed weekend work.

We appreciate your consideration for the extension of work hours related to these activities. Thank you in advance and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Colorado Springs Utilities

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Reply Requested:
Yes_x_ No:___

Date Required: 13-Jan '12

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