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PUEBLO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

June 21, 2013

Colorado Springs Utilities Mr. John Fredell, SDS Program Director 121 South Tejon Street, Third Floor P.O. Box 1103, Mail Code 930 Colorado Springs, CO 80947-0930

Re: 1041 Permit No. 2008-002

Condition No. 13 County Road Improvements and Restoration Haul Route Plan Roads; Southern Delivery System S-1 Segment south of State Highway 50 in Pueblo County

Dear Mr. Fredell:

This Department has received notification from Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) the construction-related work on the remaining Pueblo County haul route roadways associated with the S-1 work package in Pueblo West has been completed. The heavy construction activities associated with the revegetation activities for the S-1 work package has been completed and the heavy equipment has been removed from the site. Maintenance of these roadways, including Purcell Boulevard south of U.S. Highway No. 50 and Spaulding Avenue, has been completed. The S-1 section of the Haul Route Plan Roads (HRP) for the Southern Delivery System (SDS) is the roads south of U.S. Highway No. 50, Purcell Boulevard, and Spaulding Avenue. CSU is requesting release of road maintenance of the aforementioned S-1 HRP roads.

Per this request Pueblo County Department of Engineering and Public Works has inspected the above identified HRP roads for compliance with 1041 Permit No. 2008-002 conditions and the letter of May 29, 2012 from you titled "Southern Delivery System, Pueblo County 1041 Permit No. 2008-002/Road Rehabilitation Payments". It is our finding that, with respect to the SDS S-1 segment south of State Highway 50 in Pueblo County, reclamation and construction activities have terminated, the applicant has maintained the HRP roads in a satisfactory manner and all maintenance activities required to be performed for use of said roads has been completed.

In addition, in response to CSU's email of June 17, 2013 and this Department's January 23, 2013 letter referencing your December 18, 2012 letter titled "Road Rehabilitation Transfer" specifically for items 1 through 4, listed below, Pueblo County concurs:

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- 1. "There will be some infrequent traffic along Purcell Boulevard associated with the inspection and maintenance of required revegetation activities. This traffic should have no impact on the roads over and above that occurring as a consequence of normal commercial traffic along the roadway, and therefore CSU will have no further road maintenance obligations on these roadways. Should CSU, for some unanticipated reason such as a total loss of newly planted vegetation cover, need to utilize the roads once again for project related activities involving the more frequent use of heavier pieces of equipment, notification will be provided to the County prior to use of the roadways and such use will be coordinated with the County.
- CSU and its contractors remain responsible for all obligations arising under the two year road crossing warranties associated with previously obtained County right-of-way excavation permits for the life thereof notwithstanding acceptance of the roads for rehabilitation by the County.
- 3. In conjunction with SDS construction activities, the terms and conditions pursuant to Condition 13 of 1041 Permit No. 2008-002 and Mitigation Appendix CR-1 through CR-11 made a part of the Permit relating to maintenance and rehabilitation of haul roads applies only to County Roads.
- 4. It is the current intent of Pueblo County to utilize the \$15M of road rehabilitation monies to be paid under the May 29, 2012 letter agreement for road rehabilitation activities within Pueblo West on those County roadways included in the approved County haul route plan."

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you require further information or have any questions in this matter.

Sincerely,

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