



PUEBLO COUNTY

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Engineering and Public Works Department

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THRU: David Benbow, Interim Director of Engineering & Public Works *DB*

FROM: Dominga Jimenez-Garcia, General Services Engineer *DJ*

DATE: October 29, 2019

SUBJECT: House Bill 1041 Permit No. 1041 – 2019-003

The applicant requests approval of a Permit pursuant to Pueblo County's Regulations for Areas and Activities of State and Local Interest (1041 Permit) for a 115-kilovolt electric transmission line. The transmission line would start in Pueblo West and traverse toward Cañon City. The proposed Cañon West Reliability Project will occupy a 125-foot wide right-of-way, crossing about 16.9 miles of land in Pueblo County on lands in the A-1 Agricultural, S-1 Public Use, and I-2 Industrial Zone Districts. In Pueblo County, all of the proposed line is to be built: (1) in existing utility easement corridors that are intended to be used for projects exactly like this one and which BHE has an existing "use by right", (2) on Walker Ranch where there is approval from the landowner; and (3) in an easement that is located on property owned by the Pueblo West Metropolitan District located near the Pueblo West Industrial Park. The overhead transmission line will be constructed within the existing Wild Horse Creek and West Station utility corridors; structures will be between 70-90 feet high and spaced about every 500 feet. Structures in the industrial park area will be steel tangent monopoles that are between 90-105 feet high. The wood H-frame structures will be 60 - 80 feet high and spaced about every 600 feet.

The proposed 115 kV electric transmission line will cross Stone City Road, a County road right-of-way. The applicant is required to apply for an access permit and excavation permit with the Department of Engineering and Public Works and comply with the conditions of those permits. The access permit is for access from every County road that would be used to access the project and the excavation permit will be for crossing County right-of-ways. Through an intergovernmental agreement between Pueblo County and the District the review of the transmission line in Pueblo West is under the purview of the District and they should be solicited for comments.

This area is located outside our current stormwater permit area; however, any disturbance over one (1) acre will require a stormwater permit from the Colorado Department of Health and Environment. A copy of the approved storm water permit and stormwater management plan if

required shall be submitted to the Department of Engineering and Public Works. The project area within Pueblo West will require a stormwater management plan through the Pueblo West Metropolitan District Public Works Department.

The proposed transmission line route and structures do not appear to create a concern for the County drainage or transportation infrastructure along the proposed route; therefore, this department does not oppose the application.

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