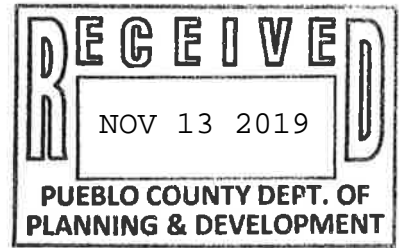


November 13, 2019



Pueblo County Commissioners:

Terry Hart

Garrison Ortiz

Chris Wiseman

Re: Black Hills Energy 1041 2019-003

Gentlemen:

My name is Kathleen Mikatich owner of property located at 242 E Parkridge Drive in Pueblo West. My property is one of many that will be highly impacted if this permit is approved.

Your decision on this project will be "Ever Lasting" for some and "Life Changing" for others.

My late husband Nick and I purchased this property at a premium price because of its vista views of Spanish Peaks, Greenhorn Mountain and the Wet Mountains. We made this purchase and had our home built just prior to our retirements 13 ½ years ago. A beautiful place for our retired years. We have been residents of Pueblo West since 1973 and are native Puebloans.

Most of my neighbors are senior citizens and like me purchased their properties at a premium price because of the esthetics of the properties. A special place to spend our retirement years. Spectacular panoramic views of the mountains, Pueblo West and Pueblo Skylines, UNOBSTRUCTED.

Nobody wants this in their backyard. Black Hills Energy has proven time and again they are a Corporation that cares only for their bottom line, whatever damage or expense that may cause their users to incur means nothing to them. Hike the rates, gouge the community they have no other choice for electrical service is their mantra. Black Hills Energy could bury the lines if they had any compassion or decency for their users.

What will be gained if this application is approved. There will only be two parties to benefit from this applications approval and one party that will pay dearly. Only Black Hills Energy and the Walker family will benefit, the Pueblo West residents will lose.

Black Hills Energy will receive:

- More assets to entrench themselves in Pueblo County
- Another reason to again gouge the community with a rate hike (somebody must pay for their projects even if you don't benefit from them)

Walkers will receive:

- A prime payment package for access to their property (a Mil plus) and maybe more if Black Hills doesn't treat his property with white gloves, he'll sue as history shows and get a larger settlement yet.
- New scratching posts for their cattle, they'll love it
- Guarantee that these lines will be no where near their home, their lifestyle will not be affected

Pueblo West Residents will lose:

- Property esthetics will be gone
- Our quality of life diminished
- Fire hazard, as has been proven by the recent California fires
- Property values will decrease as will those around us.
- Potential Health issues, with powers lines much too close at 300 feet
- Some residents will have to move because their current health issues prevent them from being in that environment
- Noise pollution from the constant buzzing of the large electrical cables and their interference with our televisions, computers and other home devices

I urge you to decline this application. There are other routes that are available. There are other ways to accomplish this project if it is so important, BURY THE LINES. Black Hills Energy needs to stop pretending that the community matters and do something that really shows the community they service and the community that pays their wages and pumps money into their bottom line and profits that they are more than a greedy corporation. So far, their actions and their ads ring very hollow.

Again, I ask you to please reject this damaging application by Black Hills Energy. This will impact well more people and families than they would have you believe. For those of us on Parkridge Drive, it will change our quality of life forever.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "K. Mikatich".

Kathleen Mikatich
242 E Parkridge Drive
Pueblo West, Co 81007

Enclosures (2)

242 E Parkridge Drive

Pueblo West, Colorado

Property Owner: Kathleen Mikatich

UNOBSTRUCTED VISTA VIEWS seen 365 days a year
from my back patio:

SPANISH PEAKS

GREEN HORN MOUNTAIN

WET MOUNTAINS





242 E Parkridge Drive

Pueblo West, Colorado

Property Owner: Kathleen Mikatich

If the Black Hills Energy project track behind Parkridge Drive is approved our PRISTEEN VIEWS WILL BE OBSTRUCTED. Parkridge properties will be highly impacted, our prime properties, because of our vista views, will lose value and marketability.

Would you buy our properties after they are marred by massive steel towers and massive H frame wood towers for your retirement home?



