

Wallingford-Ingo, Gail

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Subject:
Wild Horse Creek Drainage

Message:

Dear Commissioner Ortiz,
Walker Ranches and the Nature Conservancy are doing a good job of preserving areas of Walker Ranch with conservation easements. You have an opportunity to save the Wild Horse Creek Drainage easement currently zone S-1 for public use. This is a beautiful area of Pueblo County that is currently available as a public use area for hiking, biking, horseback riding, and wildlife viewing. This area is home to rabbits, jumping mice, bobcats, deer, antelope, prairie dogs, rattle snakes, red tailed hawks, road runners and many other animal species. If Walker Ranches and the Nature Conservancy can be applauded for saving areas of concern, I ask that you do the same for areas open to the public such as Wild Horse Creek. Please don't allow transmission lines to sully this beautiful public area.
Thank you,
Melvin & Heidee Manrose

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From: Melvin Manrose <ml4570rose@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 01, 2019 3:15 PM
To: Wallingford-Ingo, Gail
Subject: BHE 1041 2019-003 filing

Dear Ms Wallingford-Ingo,
Please add the following rebuttal to the 1041 2019-003 file.

Dear Commissioners,
I would like to offer a counter point analysis to some of the rebuttal points made at the November 26, 2019 discussion with Black Hills Energy.

Black Hills said the don't differentiate between transmission and distribution lines. All utilities do. Transmission lines are considered lines between generating stations and sub-stations usually 69KV or higher. Distribution lines are lines between substations and the end user such as homes and business. Black Hills currently has a generating/transmission company within their company that charges the distribution company for their generated power.

On page 1, of their introduction Black Hills proposes using an existing distribution corridor that is currently 60 feet wide. This would require the easement be increased to a width of 125 feet. For this to be legal, the width increase would have had to occur before May 8, 1978 per the county regulation they are quoting 17.168.010(A)(3).

Page 2, of their introduction points out a need to upgrade existing distribution infrastructure to the needed transmission infrastructure. If this is the case they already have a distribution infrastructure along US50 that could also be upgraded to the needed transmission infrastructure. The route along US50 is to the north of the highway creating a natural berm to alleviate the view shed destruction for the residents south of the highway.

As noted in their alternate route A-4 and citizen's route B-4/B-5, this US50 route would be shorter and less expensive since they are concerned with cost. This route also does not cross any PCA's (Potential Conservation Areas).

Their original 2017 3206 proposal to the PUC could have been accommodated with less disturbance if they would have made the necessary upgrade on their 1041-2019-002 permit, West Station to Midway. Letters from the Nature Conservancy state that their original route could be accommodated with cooperation from the Conservancy. Since they are concerned about the route crossing a PCA-B1 area across the Rare Plants of the Chalk Barrens, one must wonder why it is okay for the now preferred route across Walker Ranch and Wild Horse Creek to cross 2 PCA's, Pumpkin Hollow and Beaver Creek.

The least destructive route would be to upgrade the dual circuits between West Station and Portland continuing on to Canon City. The feed into Canon City from the west needs to be upgraded and repaired to give them the loop they want.

The West Station- Desert Cove- Wild Horse Creek route does nothing for Pueblo County. It does increase their infrastructure to add to stockholder value for the corporation.

Thank you,
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From: Melvin Manrose <ml4570rose@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2019 11:46 AM
To: Wallingford-Ingo, Gail
Subject: BHE Comments

Dear Commissioners,

At the Nov.26,2019 Commissioners meeting Black Hills Energy commented that because Wild Horse Creek was a flood plain they would have to zig zag across the Creek area. They have no definite route up Wild Horse Creek and plan to use the whole S-1 easement for their route. How is this possible? Currently there is a 60 foot wide pipeline easement. Why can they decide to make it a half mile wide? Also county regulations only allow emergency facilities such as a fire station on S-1 land. How does this allow for a half mile wide utility easement?

Thank you for any clarification you can provide.

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From: Melvin Manrose <ml4570rose@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 2:44 PM
To: Wallingford-Ingo, Gail
Subject: Black Hills Energy

Dear Ms Wallingford-Ingo,

The County Commissioners at todays meeting Dec.5,2019 said it was okay to continue to send information on Black Hills Energy's 1041 2019-003 filing.

I would like to include the following information:

On Nov. 26,2019 Black Hills Energy was asked how they would avoid the flood plain of Wild Horse Creek. They said they would follow a zig-zag pattern across the creek going from one side to the other. The problem with this is it would require the construction of a service road down each side of the creek to service poles on opposite sides of the creek. This would constitute an easement about a half mile wide, not the proposed 125 feet. Also Black Hills Energy has not submitted formal plans so how are we to know the exact location of this proposed route? This situation would destroy the entire flood plain with vehicle activity and drive away the wildlife that frequents the area.

At a meeting in Canon City Dec. 4,2019 with Canon City's Energy Future it was pointed out that Black Hills Energy proposed in their new contract with Canon City that they would be willing to bury electric lines in the city. Why are they reluctant to follow that example through Pueblo County?

Thank You,
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From: Melvin Manrose <ml4570rose@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 23, 2019 12:58 AM
To: Wallingford-Ingo, Gail
Subject: 1041 2019-003 Permit

Dear Commissioners ,

At the Thursday, Dec.12,2019 meeting you reviewed Map Amendment NO. 2019-007.

Applicant, Anthony S. Mand , represented by, Laurie Cazzetto, requested a zoning change from R-5 Multiple- Residential and Office Zoned District to B-4 Community Business Zone District.

Roger Mcklem and other opposition citizens said such a zoning change would be detrimental to their community. Their concerns were loss of property values (5-10%) and it would change the nature of the area with no benefit to the community. This would also open the door to future rezoning and further impact the quality of life they sought when they moved to the community.

You denied the change request based on the opposition comments and "consideration of the greater good" of the community.

Black Hills Energy application 1041 2019-003 is requesting that you rezone Wild Horse Creek from S-1 Public Use to a transmission line corridor. This would be detrimental to our community and destroy the quality of life we sought when we moved to our area. We would hope that you would use the same principle for our community that you used in the denial of the zoning change for the citizens at the public hearing on Map Amendment NO.2019-007. Our quality of life and property values will also be damaged by this zoning change.

There are no transmission lines in Wild Horse Creek. There is no benefit to Pueblo County or our community. Please avoid this tragedy for us also.

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