

Planning and Development Department Gail L. Wallingford-Ingo Interim Director

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Mr. Seth Boutilier, Project Manager Black Hills Energy 105 South Victoria Avenue Pueblo, Colorado 81003

## Re: PUEBLO BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS House Bill 1041 Permit No. 1041 2019-003

Dear Mr. Boutilier:

Please be advised that the Pueblo Board of County Commissioners, at its public meeting held on December 12, 2019, developed a list of issues on the Black Hills' 1041 Permit which it would like to request more information from the applicant, those in opposition, and other concerned parties. The list is as follows:

## Black Hills

- Floodplain –Black Hills is to provide information on the maximum variation from the indicated center line alignment that may be possible due to engineering requirements and what will be the minimum possible distance from the alignment to the property line of all adjacent properties. Black Hills is to provide information on the effect of steel monopoles within a 100-year floodplain in the event of a 100-year flood and possible mitigation and reclamation measures that may be taken to prevent and remedy such effects.
- Fremont County Black Hills is to provide information on the current status of the project in Fremont County and clarify statements made by the applicant in the Pueblo County 1041 permit application as to the status of the project in Fremont County.
- Undergrounding Report Black Hills is to provide a copy of any reports or documents prepared or to prepare reports or documents that examine the feasibility and cost of undergrounding transmission lines in the portion of the alignment that borders residential properties.
- Existing Substation Expansion Black Hills is to provide additional information, reports or documents that support the position that the existing substation could not support additional infrastructure required to complete the project and that a new substation is necessary.
- Feasibility of the use of alternatives routes (i.e., Highway 50 corridor and along the north section of the Walker Ranches adjacent to the Fort Carson Military Reservation).

- Black Hills and Opposition
  - Property Value Both the applicant and those in opposition are to provide documentation, reports or other evidence that property values are or are not affected by the placement of transmission lines near adjacent residential properties.
- Pueblo West
  - Pueblo West Opposition Pueblo West is to provide additional information regarding their position of opposition to the application and status of any easement agreement between the parties.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (719) 583-6100.

Sincerely,

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