

UPDATED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DUE TO LOCATION CHANGE

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on August 13, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., at the Sangre de Cristo Arts & Conference Center Auditorium, 210 North Santa Fe Avenue, to review and consider final action regarding an application for a permit pursuant to Pueblo County Regulations for Areas and Activities of State and Local Interest (1041 Permit Application).

This application is being submitted under Chapter 17.168 of the Pueblo County Code, the Pueblo County Regulations for Areas and Activities of State and Local Interest, which applies to "SITE SELECTION AND CONSTRUCTION OF MAJOR FACILITIES OF PUBLIC UTILITIES".

The application has been continued by the Board of County Commissioners from its November 26, 2019, January 9, 2020, February 13, 2020, and July 9, 2020 public hearings. The Board of County Commissioners is not allowing the submittal of any additional correspondence into the record prior to the hearing.

Both the proponents and opponents will each be given a ten (10) minute presentation time frame to provide comments, in a summary format by a single designated representative, to address all previously submitted information. All documents currently submitted into the record can be viewed online at the following link:

<http://www.co.pueblo.co.us/cgi-bin/webformbroker.wsc/cases3.p?caseNum=1041%202019-003>

HOUSE BILL 1041 PERMIT NO. 1041 2019-003 - Seth Boutilier, Project Manager, Black Hills Energy (Applicant)
Black Hills Energy, Gary R. and Georgia A. Walker, and Pueblo West Metropolitan District (Owners)
HDR Engineering, Inc., c/o Pamela McWharter (Representative)



DESCRIPTION:

The applicant is requesting approval of a permit by the Pueblo Board of County Commissioners, as the designated Permit Authority, for construction of a 115-kilovolt electric transmission line in unincorporated Pueblo County. 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. No other private property is necessary for the Project in Pueblo County.

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.

LOCATION

The permit is requested for the electric transmission line proposed within Pueblo County lands in the Pueblo West Metropolitan District and in certain Sections, Townships, and Ranges in the 6th P.M. as described in the application submittal documents.

NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus): At the direction of the Board of County Commissioners, a limited number of persons are allowed to attend the hearing while maintaining the required social distancing. Should you choose to attend, you must make a reservation online through a form on the County's website <https://county.pueblo.org/pueblo-county-appointment-requests>, noting reservations are on a first-come first-serve basis and subject to availability of seating. Alternatively, the hearing will be streamed live on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PuebloCounty/> and any comments can be sent via email to Adam Uhernik, Public Information Officer, at uhernik@pueblocounty.us.

If you have comments, concerns or need further information, or a complete legal description, contact Gail Wallingford-Ingo, Planning Deputy Director, at the Department of Planning and Development, 229 West 12th Street, Pueblo, Colorado 81003-2810, (719) 583-6100 or access Planning Case Search found under Online Services at the Pueblo County Website, <http://county.pueblo.org>.

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