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CRAIG DOSSEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 22, 2019

Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, dba Black Hills Energy  
Attn: Christin Cochran

Subject: (ADM-19-012) Determination of Applicability of the El Paso County Guidelines and Regulations for Areas and Activities of State Interest (a.k.a. "1041 Regulations) as to the Black Hills Energy Midway Substation rebuild of existing overhead 115kV powerline through about two and one-half miles of southern El Paso County to Midway Substation.

Dear Ms. Cochran,

This letter is in response to your Black Hills Energy Midway Substation maintenance project letter dated March 27, 2019, which includes a request for an exemption of the El Paso County Guidelines and Regulations for Areas and Activities of State Interest ("1041 Regulations") for a proposed project. The project includes replacing a conductor and existing poles for scheduled maintenance for a 115kV powerline interconnecting at the Midway Substation. As stated in your letter, the existing overhead transmission line runs within a deeded right-of-way through Sections, 20, 29, and 32, Township 17 South, Range 65 West within El Paso County, Colorado.

After reviewing your letter against the applicable sections of the "1041 Regulations", it is my opinion that the proposed project is not subject to the County's 1041 Regulations, and, therefore, will not require a "1041" permit.

Please be advised that this determination is limited to the project as proposed. Additional review(s) for applicability of the 1041 Regulations will be required by the County for any future change(s) to the facility.

This determination shall only be interpreted as an exemption of the proposed project from permitting requirements under the County's 1041 Regulations. Permits and approvals by El Paso County Public Works for work in the right-of-way will be required

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prior to construction. Easements must be obtained for any improvements being proposed on private property.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this determination, please contact myself or Len Kendall, Planner I, at (719) 520-6447 or lenkendall@elpasoco.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Dossey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Craig" and last name "Dossey" clearly distinguishable.

Craig Dossey  
Executive Director  
El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department

Cc: Len Kendall, Planner I  
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