



Cristin Cochran, Contract Agent
C² Consulting

799 Dahlia Street, Unit #7A
Denver, Colorado 80220-5199
Voice 303 377 9060
Cell 303 717 2387
cristin@msn.com

March 27, 2019

Mr. Len Kendall, Planner
Planning and Community Development
2880 International Circle, Suite 110
Colorado Springs, CO 80910
719-520-6447
lenkendall@elpasoco.com

Mr. Craig Dossey, Executive Director
Planning and Community Development
2880 International Circle, Suite 110
Colorado Springs, CO 80910

Submitted via epcdevplanreview.com

Re: Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, dba Black Hills Energy, rebuild of existing overhead 115kV powerline through about two and one-half miles of southern El Paso County to Midway Substation.

Dear Mr. Kendall and Mr. Dossey,

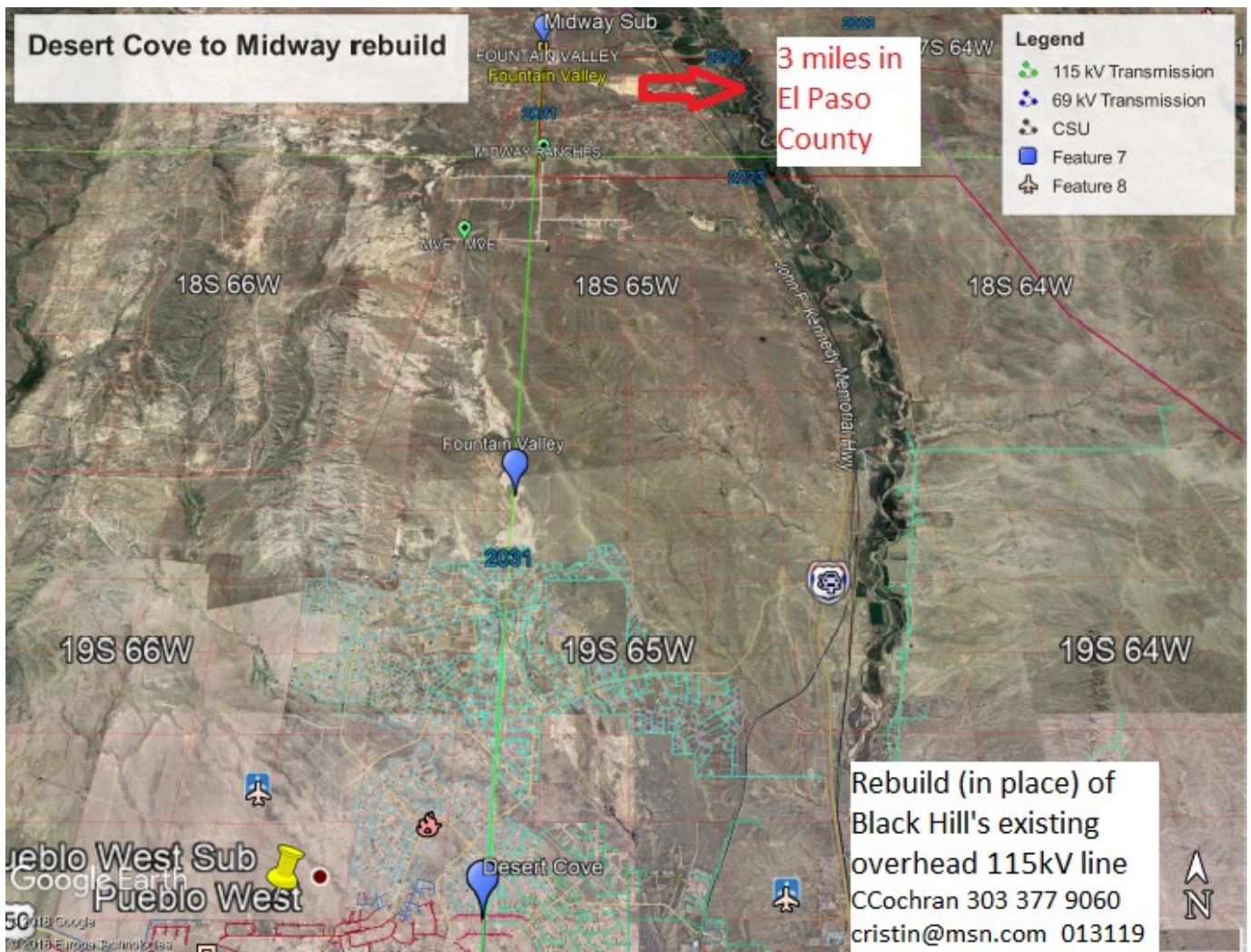
As discussed with Mr. Kendall, Black Hills Energy has an upcoming maintenance project on the Desert Cove to Midway overhead powerline. Black Hills has owned and operated this 115-kilovolt overhead transmission line that runs in a deeded right of way through Sections 20, 29 and 32 Township 17 South Range 65 West near the southern boundary of the County since about 1951. This line runs to the Midway substation in the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 20 Township 17 South Range 65 West. Starting in the fall of this year scheduled maintenance on this line will take it out of service for much of the winter so that existing poles and conductor may be replaced. All work will be completed within the deeded right of way and the line returned to service in time for the high demand summer cooling season. This work will start in Pueblo County at Black Hill's Fountain Valley switch in Section 5 Township 19 South Range 65 West.

Next season will see similar work on the same line from the Fountain Valley Switch to the Desert Cove Substation, all in Pueblo County.

This work has been approved by the Colorado State Public Utilities Commission as a part of Black Hills' normal course of business. Structures will be replaced with like and on the same running line as the existing line.

A project map is below.





Pursuant to El Paso Code Chapter 5, Site Selection and Construction of Major Facilities of a Public Utility Article 1, General Provision, Designation of Activity of State Interest, Applicability: Prohibitions paragraph (3)

"A Permit is not required under this Chapter for the following activities: repair or storm damage, reframing, pole replacement, re-conductor and maintenance in the normal course of business without increasing the voltage rating of the transmission line, or reconstructing, upgrading or replacing substation equipment inside an existing substation or within an existing substation fence." (emphasis added.)

While Black Hills looks forward to working with the County to ensure a smooth project to replace like with like to maintain line integrity and ensure continued supplies of reliable and abundant electric energy to the County, this work falls squarely within the provisions of the Code section quoted above, that is, a permit is not required for maintenance work to replace existing poles and conductor. Accordingly, Black Hills respectfully requests your confirmation that this maintenance project may proceed without a County permit.

Please call or write, now or at anytime in the future, with any questions or concerns about the project. In the meantime, your confirmation of permit status is respectfully requested.

Very truly yours,
Black Hills Energy

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cristin Cochran". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Cristin Cochran, Contract Agent

Ecc: Mr. Seth Boutilier, Project Manager, at SethBoutilier@BlackHillsCorp.com, 719 546 6448