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ATTN: Grant Petik, EIT, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

2 North Nevada Avenue, Suite 300 Colorado Springs, CO, 80903 Grant.Petik@kimley-horn.com

RE:

(ADM-23-032) Determination of Applicability of the El Paso County Guidelines and Regulations for Areas and Activities of State Interest (herein referred to as 1041 Regulations) as to the Black Hills Energy Squirrel Creek Gas Line Replacement Project

Mr. Petik:

This letter is in response to your "1041 Applicability Determination for the Black Hills Energy Squirrel Creek Gas Line Replacement Project" which includes a request for an exemption of the proposed 8" gas line from the El Paso County Land Development Code Appendix B, Guidelines and Regulations for Areas and Activities of State Interest.

The proposed action includes installation of a new 8" natural gas line to replace existing 2" and 4" lines. Approximately 2,311 linear feet of construction is proposed to occur within El Paso County.

After reviewing your letter requesting applicability of the sections of the El Paso County Guidelines and Regulations for Areas and Activities of State Interest (1041 Regulations) to the project, and based on the new natural gas line being less than 12" in diameter, it is the determination of the El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department Director 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. A construction drawing review and ESQCP permit are required prior to the initiation of any ground disturbance. A Work in the Right-of-Way permit is required for any activities occurring within a County right-of-way.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this determination, please contact myself or Ryan Howser, AICP, Planner III, at (719) 520-6049 or ryanhowser@elpasoco.com.

Sincerely,

Meggan Herington, AICP, Executive Director

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