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Xcel Energy understands that El Paso County requires Mineral Rights Certification. The "Surface Development Notification Act" (CRS 24-65.5-101 et seq.) was passed specifically to facilitate mineral owner agreements like those contemplated by 21-3-330(B)(2)(d) for many types of developments. That Act specifically excludes applications associated with electric transmission lines, CRS 24-65.5-101 and 24-65.5-102(2)(a). To the extent there are any active oil and gas activities or facilities within Xcel Energy's final proposed easement areas, Xcel Energy works with the owners/operators of such facilities to ensure it addresses and mitigates their concerns.