

**Colorado's Power Pathway – Xcel Energy Responses to El Paso County Referral Comments**

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<b>Public Service Company of Colorado dba X-cel Energy_2024-07-17_Comment.txt</b>	
No conflict	Noted.
<b>Kiowa Conservation Dist_2024-07-17_Comment.txt</b>	
Please reseed with native grasses to the area.	<p>Once construction has been completed for each Pathway segment, temporary work areas and the transmission line right-of-way (ROW) will be restored in a manner generally similar to the condition prior to construction or as may be provided for in private agreements. This work may include fence repair, rut removal, decompaction, tilling, seeding and stabilization measures. Disturbed areas may be reseeded according to landowner requests and El Paso County requirements.</p> <p>Revegetation will be implemented per the Stormwater Management Plan. For areas previously vegetated before construction, post-construction restoration will be considered complete once the site achieves at least 70% of its original vegetative cover. In areas designated for agricultural use, the soil will be surface roughened and then returned to the landowner for agricultural management. Seed selection will be based on site-specific conditions and the appropriate seed mix identified for those conditions. Weed-free seed mixes will be used during revegetation. This is an Xcel Energy standard and one that can be certified by the contractor. Noxious Weed Control Measures were provided in Attachment D of the Application.</p>
<b>Colorado Department of Transportation - Pueblo Office_2024-07-18_Comment.txt</b>	
1. CDOT Utility Permits are required for installations in state highway rights-of-way and for highway crossings. Contact CDOT R2 Permits Unit.	Utility Permits will be obtained from CDOT for installations in state highway ROWs and for state highway/interstate crossings as needed prior to construction.
<p>2. CDOT Access Permit and associated improvements are assessed based on the impact at the access to the highway not the only the highway. The percent increase in traffic cited in the Traffic Memorandum, dated April 2, 2024, only relates to highway volumes not access volumes. Increases in volume for accesses that is greater than 20% require an Access Permit as well as a change-in-use in terms of access operation, traffic volume and or vehicle type per State Highway Access Code §2.6. Each affected access to SH24 and SH94 needs to be evaluated.</p> <p>Please submit revised traffic analysis addressing each state highway access.</p>	The Transportation Memorandum has been updated to address each state highway access. The Revised Transportation Memorandum is provided as Resubmitted Attachment I.
<b>911 Authority - El Paso-Teller County_2024-07-18_Comment.txt</b>	
No action for E911 on this submittal.	Noted.

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<b>EPC Parks Department_2024-07-18_Comment.txt</b>	
<p>El Paso County Parks and Community Services. The 2022 El Paso County Parks Master Plan shows no impacts to existing or proposed parks, trails, bicycle routes, or open space. As such, no trail easements or park land considerations are necessary. Thank you!</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<b>RBD Floodplain_2024-07-19_Comment.txt</b>	
<p>Regional Floodplain Office does not need a permit for power poles in A zones as the impact to the floodplain is considered negligible.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<b>EPC Environmental Services_2024-07-19</b>	
<p>1. A completed U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USCOE) permit or concurrence of non-jurisdictional status from the USCOE shall be provided to the Planning and Community Development Department prior to project commencement if ground-disturbing activities will occur in wetland areas. The applicant is hereby on notice that the USCOE has regulatory jurisdiction over wetlands. It is the applicant's responsibility, and not El Paso County's, to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the Clean Water Act.</p>	<p>Xcel Energy anticipates avoiding impacts to jurisdictional waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) or wetlands in El Paso County and therefore does not anticipate that Pathway facilities in the county will require a Nationwide Permit 57 or other U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permitting under the Federal Clean Water Act, Section 404.</p> <p>Associated access roads, laydown yards, and other appurtenant features of Pathway will be sited to avoid permanent impacts to wetlands and WOTUS features. In the event that a regulated water resource cannot be avoided, Pathway will comply with applicable federal and state regulations, including permit requirements under Section 404 of the CWA.</p> <p>Temporary impacts to wetlands and WOTUS during construction of Pathway will be avoided to the extent practicable. If wetlands cannot be avoided, matting and other protective temporary measures will be used. Depending on the condition of the wetland soil and hydrology, matting may be used in some cases to protect wetlands from rutting. To avoid potential indirect impacts from construction-related erosion and sediment movement during construction, Pathway will adhere to erosion and sediment control BMPs outlined in the SWMP, which will include erosion control and revegetation measures.</p> <p>Xcel Energy will provide copies of any necessary permits obtained from the USACE or concurrence of non-jurisdictional status from USACE, to the County prior to construction.</p>
<p>2. The email dated June 3, 2024 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) makes several recommendations related to endangered, threatened and candidate species as well as migratory birds including raptors and eagles. The applicant is advised to follow these recommendations in order to avoid possible violations of the Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act or Bald &amp; Golden Eagle Protection Act. The applicant is hereby on notice that the USFWS has regulatory jurisdiction over these acts. It is the applicant's responsibility,</p>	<p>Xcel Energy will comply with all applicable laws and regulations.</p>

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<b>Colorado Springs Airport Advisory Commission_2024-07-29_Comment.txt</b>	
Outside of Airport Overlay.	Noted.
<b>County Attorney - Development Review_2024-07-30_Comment</b>	
No comments at this time.	Noted.
<b>Meadow Lake Airport Association_2024-07-30_Comment.txt</b>	
Outside the Meadow Lake Airport Impact Area	Noted.
<b>Schriever AFB_2024-08-01_Comment.txt</b>	
No spectrum concerns identified for Schriever SFB.	Noted.
<b>Colorado Geological Survey_2024-08-14_Comment.txt</b>	
No geologic hazards are known or suspected to be present along the proposed alignment that would preclude the planned electrical transmission line and poles. The Colorado Geological Survey has no objection to approval.	Noted.
<b>Colorado Parks and Wildlife_2024-08-16_Comment.txt</b>	
CPW Comment Letter	Xcel Energy has responded to the comments provided in the document titled "Colorado Parks and Wildlife_2024-08-16.pdf".
<b>Colorado Parks and Wildlife_2024-08-16.pdf</b>	
1. CPW's preference is for new transmission or distribution lines to be co-located with existing lines or infrastructure corridors whenever possible to minimize additional impacts on wildlife and habitat fragmentation. The project appears to follow existing or planned roads or travel corridors and as planned that should help minimize impacts.	Noted.
2. Construction practices near waterways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The project area includes some riparian habitat and small drainage crossings. CPW recommends there be minimal impact to any riparian areas or stream bed, both during construction and after, and any stream bed should be handled as a stream crossing whether or not water is present at the time of construction. Minimizing impacts to streams in the project area is a priority for CPW and avoidance is best whenever possible.</li> <li>b. Xcel states in the Wetland Impact Letter that the spacing between the poles can be up to 1,400 feet and thus can be sited to avoid pole placement within the wetlands. CPW appreciates this since our recommendation for a buffer around streams is 500 feet from the Ordinary High Water Mark.</li> </ul>	<p>Xcel Energy is providing the following response to CPW's comments regarding construction practices near waterways:</p> <p>a and c: Pathway intends to avoid impacts to wetlands and WOTUS features to the extent practicable. The potential wetlands and WOTUS identified through desktop analysis of NWI data that may be impacted by construction of Pathway will be verified in the field and inventoried and/or delineated to determine the actual locations and extent of wetlands prior to construction of Pathway. In the event that a regulated water resource cannot be avoided, Pathway will comply with applicable federal and state regulations, including permit requirements under Section 404 of the CWA.</p> <p>Temporary impacts to wetlands and WOTUS during construction of Pathway will be avoided to the extent practicable. If wetlands cannot be</p>

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<p>c. All trucks or heavy equipment should be restricted from crossing streams and if required, we recommend placement of culverts in streams in such a way that they do not preclude upstream movement of fish. Finally, CPW recommends that native riparian canopy or stream bank vegetation not be removed where possible.</p> <p>d. CPW recommends the following Best Management Practices when working in or near aquatic habitats.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drainages should be crossed perpendicular to the flow of the stream</li> <li>• Use existing road crossings and existing stream crossings for vehicles and other construction equipment instead of building new roads and stream crossings</li> <li>• The width of construction should be minimized within the 100-year floodplain,</li> <li>• Stream bank, wetland restoration/improvement should be performed, where necessary</li> <li>• Vehicle and equipment crossing of creeks/streams should be made in locations that will cause the least erosion of banks and sedimentation.</li> </ul> <p>e. If any new access or maintenance roads will be constructed that cross stream habitat, CPW would like to be consulted on best management practices and options for construction to minimize impacts.</p>	<p>avoided, matting and other protective temporary measures will be used. Depending on the condition of the wetland soil and hydrology, matting may be used in some cases to protect wetlands from rutting. To avoid potential indirect impacts from construction-related erosion and sediment movement during construction, Pathway will adhere to erosion and sediment control BMPs outlined in the SWMP, which will include erosion control and revegetation measures.</p> <p>b: Transmission poles will not be placed in streams or wetland areas. Prior to construction, a Storm Water Permit for Construction Activities will be obtained from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and a site-specific and Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) will be developed. To avoid potential indirect impacts from construction-related erosion and sediment movement during construction, Pathway will adhere to erosion and sediment control best management practices outlined in the SWMP, which will include erosion control and revegetation measures.</p> <p>d and e: Associated access roads, laydown yards, and other appurtenant features of Pathway will also be sited to avoid permanent impacts to wetlands and WOTUS features. Temporary impacts to wetlands and WOTUS during construction of Pathway will be avoided to the extent practicable.</p>
<p>3. Other Threatened, Endangered and State Species of Concern:</p> <p>a. Xcel has indicated that prior to construction they will conduct surveys for raptor and migratory bird nests along the preferred alignment to locate active nests and identify the species utilizing the nest location. CPW supports the stated plan to avoid construction during the nesting season to the extent possible and to consult with CPW and USFWS to identify any potential impacts and mitigation measures if avoidance during the nesting season is not feasible.</p>	<p>Xcel Energy acknowledges this recommendation.</p>
<p>4. Protection of Raptors:</p> <p>a. Of high concern regarding electrical transmission lines is the potential for raptor electrocution and CPW is pleased to see that raptor protection measures have been included in the wildlife report. Through the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in cooperation with the Edison Electric Institute, developed Best Management Practices to minimize impacts to avian species. CPW recommends that both the "Suggested Practices for Avian Protection on Power Lines, the State of the Art in 2006" and the "Reducing Avian Collisions with Power Lines: The State of the Art in 2012" documents be consulted for the most current recommended design considerations to minimize raptor electrocution. These documents can be ordered at the Edison Electric Institute</p>	<p>Xcel Energy acknowledges this recommendation. Pathway has been sited to avoid known eagle nest and roost locations to the extent practicable. The transmission line will be designed in accordance with the "Suggested Practices for Avian Protection on Power Lines, the State of the Art in 2006" and the "Reducing Avian Collisions with Power Lines: The State of the Art in 2012" documents.</p> <p>To avoid or minimize potential project impacts to eagles and other migratory birds and raptors, tree/vegetation clearing will be conducted during the nonbreeding season for birds (September 1–April 15) if feasible. If vegetation clearing cannot occur during the nonbreeding season, vegetation clearance surveys, nest surveys, and burrowing owl surveys may be conducted per USFWS and CPW guidance to identify avian</p>

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<p>website (<a href="http://www.eei.org">www.eei.org</a>) or can be downloaded at the Avian Power Line Interaction Committee website (<a href="http://www.aplic.org">www.aplic.org</a>).</p> <p>b. CPW also recommends the use of preconstruction surveys, as well as continuation of those surveys during construction, to identify raptor nests within the project area and implement appropriate restrictions. CPW recommends adherence to the recommended buffer distances and timing stipulations identified in the CPW document "Recommended Buffer Zones and Seasonal Restrictions for Colorado Raptors". Removal or relocation of any active raptor nests will require consultation with CPW and US Fish and Wildlife Service prior to moving. Both active and potential nest sites, winter night roosts should be considered when evaluating disturbance during construction.</p>	<p>nesting activity and determine appropriate avoidance buffers or monitor active nest sites until determined to be inactive. Bird flight or swan diverters or other marking devices may be used as determined necessary for specific locations.</p>
<p>5. Migratory Birds:</p> <p>a. To avoid impacts to the nesting efforts of migratory birds CPW recommends any proposed plan focus vegetation clearing activities outside of the breeding season (March 15th – August 31st). If construction must occur during the breeding season, surveys for active nests should be conducted prior to groundbreaking. All migratory birds are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and removal or disturbance of any active migratory bird nest would require consultation with CPW and USFWS prior to disturbance.</p>	<p>Xcel Energy acknowledges this recommendation. To avoid or minimize potential project impacts to eagles and other migratory birds and raptors, tree/vegetation clearing will be conducted during the nonbreeding season for birds (September 1–April 15) if feasible. If vegetation clearing cannot occur during the nonbreeding season, vegetation clearance surveys, nest surveys, and burrowing owl surveys may be conducted per USFWS and CPW guidance to identify avian nesting activity and determine appropriate avoidance buffers or monitor active nest sites until determined to be inactive. Bird flight or swan diverters or other marking devices may be used as determined necessary for specific locations.</p>
<p>6. Burrowing Owl Active and Potential Nest Sites:</p> <p>a. Burrowing owls are listed as State Threatened, and nest in active or inactive prairie dog (black-tailed or white-tailed) burrows. If development is proposed to occur in a prairie dog colony that has been active within the past 10 years, CPW recommends the adherence to CPW's Burrowing Owl Survey protocol if development occurs from March 15 through August 31.</p> <p>b. If nesting burrowing owls are present, no human encroachment or surface disturbance should occur within a 200-meter buffer of nesting burrows from March 15 to August 31. If burrowing owls occupy the site, CPW recommends that earthmoving and other disturbance activities be delayed until after they have migrated away from the site.</p>	<p>Xcel Energy acknowledges this recommendation. If vegetation clearing cannot occur during the nonbreeding season (September 1–April 15), vegetation clearance surveys, nest surveys, and burrowing owl surveys may be conducted per USFWS and CPW guidance to identify avian nesting activity and determine appropriate avoidance buffers or monitor active nest sites until determined to be inactive. Xcel Energy will continue to coordinate with USFWS and CPW to address concerns regarding wildlife impacts throughout planning, design, and construction of Pathway, and will comply with all regulatory requirements.</p>
<p>7. Swift Fox Potential Denning Habitat:</p> <p>a. Swift fox is listed as a species of State Special Concern and some projects sites in Lincoln and Elbert contain potential swift fox denning habitat. To minimize the impact of construction on occupied, high quality swift fox habitat, CPW recommends pre-construction surveys for active den sites. CPW also recommends no human encroachment, surface disturbance, or construction activity within 0.25-mile of an active maternal den site from March 15 through June 15.</p>	<p>Xcel Energy acknowledges the recommendation for pre-construction surveys for active swift fox den sites. Xcel Energy can survey for swift fox dens prior to construction and provide a construction monitor in locations within 0.25-mile of active swift fox maternal den sites during construction activities, if work cannot be avoided in those areas between March 15 and June 15.</p>

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<p>8. Invasive and Nuisance Species:</p> <p>a. CPW recommends the development of a Noxious Weed Management Plan. CPW prefers that native vegetation be retained on site during the operational lifespan of the project, both as habitat for wildlife and to ensure successful reclamation of the project area. Proper reclamation, from a wildlife perspective, involves not only stabilizing the soil and establishing ground cover, but fostering plant communities with a diversity of species and plant types -grasses, woody plants, and broadleaf forbs- which will fully serve the nutritional needs of wildlife. Strict adherence to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) recommendations is advised. CPW would appreciate the opportunity to review the project's Noxious Weed Management Plan prior to the start of construction.</p>	<p>Xcel Energy acknowledges this recommendation. Noxious Weed Control Measures were provided in Attachment D of the Application.</p>
<p><b>EPC Stormwater Review_2024-08-13_Comment.txt</b></p>	
<p>1. Review 1: EPC DPW Stormwater comments have been provided (in orange text boxes) on the following uploaded documents (to be uploaded by the Project Manager): - Preliminary Drainage Report</p>	<p>A revised Preliminary Drainage Analysis is provided as Resubmitted Attachment L to address the comments in orange text boxes in the document titled "PCD Project Manager_2024-08-19_006.pdf".</p>
<p><b>Mountain View Electric Association, Inc._2024-08-19_Comment.txt</b></p>	
<p>1. MVEA is working with Xcel Power to mitigate any possible concerns. Once all concerns have been addressed, MVEA will have no objections to the power pathway.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p><b>PCD Administrative Notice_2024-08-19_Comment.txt</b></p>	
<p>1. On 8/19/2024, PCD mailed "Notice of Application" letters to surrounding property owners within a 500-foot range of the subject area (86 addresses). Copies of the notice, mailing labels, and selected range have been uploaded to the EDARP file. Cost of postage to be billed to the applicant = \$59.34.</p>	<p>Xcel Energy has paid the postage fee of \$59.34.</p>
<p><b>PCD Engineering Division_2024-08-16_Comment.txt</b></p>	
<p>1. Engineering review 1 has comments on the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Haul Route Plan</li> <li>- Traffic Impact Study</li> <li>- Drainage Report - Preliminary</li> <li>- Development Agreement</li> </ul>	<p>The Transportation Memorandum has been updated to address the comments in the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colorado Department of Transportation - Pueblo Office_2024-07-18_Comment.txt</li> <li>• El Paso County PCD – Project Manager_2024-08-19_004</li> </ul> <p>The Revised Transportation Memorandum is provided as Resubmitted Attachment I.</p> <p>A revised Preliminary Drainage Analysis is provided as Resubmitted Attachment L to address the comments in the document titled "PCD Project Manager_2024-08-19_006.pdf".</p>

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	The Development Agreement has been revised to address comments in the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PCD Project Manager_2024-08-19_007.pdf</li> <li>• County Attorney - Development Review_2024-08-20_Comment.txt</li> </ul> A revised Development Agreement is provided concurrent with this document.
<b>PCD Project Manager_2024-08-19.pdf</b>	
1. You have provided a zonemap- Please add a symbol or label of land use- is land adj to line vacant; has residence; commercial business- the land use is not identified in the exhibit.	The Land Use and Zoning Map has been revised to indicate adjacent land uses. The revised Land Use and Zoning Map is provided as Resubmitted Attachment F.
<b>PCD Project Manager_2024-08-19_Comment.txt</b>	
1. Map Drawing Set may be updated with additional information requested.	The maps included in this Application have been revised to address comments in the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PCD Project Manager_2024-08-19.pdf</li> <li>• PCD Project Manager_2024-08-19_002.pdf</li> <li>• PCD Project Manager_2024-08-19_011.pdf</li> </ul>
<b>PCD Project Manager_2024-08-19_002.pdf</b>	
Attachment F: Land Use and Zoning Map 1. This does not include land uses - it depicts zoning adj to corridor	The Land Use and Zoning Map has been revised to indicate adjacent land uses. The revised Land Use and Zoning Map is provided as Resubmitted Attachment F.
<b>PCD Project Manager_2024-08-19_002_Comment.txt</b>	
1. Zoning and Land Use Map- No land-uses were shown.	The Land Use and Zoning Map has been revised to indicate land uses. The revised Land Use and Zoning Map is provided as Resubmitted Attachment F.
<b>PCD Project Manager_2024-08-19_003.pdf</b>	
Attachment I: Transportation Memorandum 1. See comments on Haul Route Plan and update accordingly	The Revised Transportation Memorandum has been updated to address comments received in the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• El Paso County PCD – Project Manager_2024-08-19_004</li> <li>• Colorado Department of Transportation - Pueblo Office_2024-07-18_Comment</li> </ul> The Revised Transportation Memorandum is provided as Resubmitted Attachment I.
<b>PCD Project Manager_2024-08-19_003_Comment.txt</b>	
Traffic impact Study Comments	The Revised Transportation Memorandum has been updated to address comments received in the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• El Paso County PCD – Project Manager_2024-08-19_004</li> <li>• Colorado Department of Transportation - Pueblo Office_2024-07-18_Comment</li> </ul>

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<b>PCD Project Manager_2024-08-19_004.pdf</b>	
Attachment I: Transportation Memorandum	
1. Please clarify this statement by adding a duration in estimated working days	The Transportation Memorandum has been revised to address this comment. The Revised Transportation Memorandum is provided as Resubmitted Attachment I.
2. Please add the following items to the haul route discussion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Gravel roads will need to be monitored and maintained with grading and dust control</li> <li>b. Paved roads will require a pavement condition index rating (PCI) before, during, and after the route is used.</li> <li>c. Video or photos should be taken along the entire route to show pre-travelled conditions- particularly of the bridges (guardrail, etc)</li> <li>d. There are some load-posted bridges along this route (and potential detours), with the following required load ratings according to our 2022 CDOT Off-System Bridges inspection data:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EPC 1240-03.55 Commerce Rd Bridge, 0.5 mi NW of Blasingame Rd – Large Timber Bridge – 8T/14T/14T and 9T for all SHVs</li> <li>• EPC 0565-08.55 Blasingame Rd Bridge, 0.2 mi W of Commerce Rd – Timber Bridge – 21T/33T/34T and for SHVs – 21T (4 axles) and 23T (5+ axles). This bridge is along a potential detour route for the Commerce Rd Bridge</li> <li>• EPC 0929-09.52 Oil Well Rd, South of Alta Vista – Timber Bridge – 13T/20T/20T</li> </ul> </li> <li>e. All required overweight load permits must be obtained before travel.</li> <li>f. Indicate location of laydown yards on the haul route map.</li> </ol>	The Transportation Memorandum has been revised to address these comments. The Revised Transportation Memorandum is provided as Resubmitted Attachment I.
3. This table does not match the 1041 application; please ensure this is updated. the construction durations do not match	The Transportation Memorandum has been revised to address this comment. The Revised Transportation Memorandum is provided as Resubmitted Attachment I.
4. Please include discussion of any temporary road closures due to helicopter activities as stated in the 1041 application	The Transportation Memorandum has been revised to address this comment. The Revised Transportation Memorandum is provided as Resubmitted Attachment I.
<b>PCD Project Manager_2024-08-19_004_Comment.txt</b>	
Haul Route Plan comments	The Revised Transportation Memorandum has been updated to address comments received in the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• El Paso County PCD – Project Manager_2024-08-19_004.pdf</li> <li>• Colorado Department of Transportation - Pueblo Office_2024-07-18_Comment</li> </ul> The Revised Transportation Memorandum is provided as Resubmitted Attachment I.



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<b>PCD Project Manager_2024-08-19_005.pdf</b>	
Attachment H: Emergency Response Procedures 1. Please work with each Fire District and devise a plan for fire, wind based on the resources each district has	Xcel Energy will coordinate with each Fire District crossed by Pathway in El Paso County. Copies of the Fire District Coordination Letters are provided in Attachment T.
<b>PCD Project Manager_2024-08-19_005_Comment.txt</b>	
1. This plan is not specific to each Fire District that would be responding. Please work directly with each District to craft a plan based on each Districts equipment and staffing.	Xcel Energy will coordinate with each Fire District crossed by Pathway in El Paso County. Copies of the Fire District Coordination Letters are provided in Attachment T.
<b>PCD Project Manager_2024-08-19_006.pdf</b>	
Drainage Report – Preliminary	
1. “Said drainage report has been prepared according to the criteria established by the City/County for drainage reports and said report is in conformity with the master plan of the drainage basin.”	The Preliminary Drainage Report has been revised to reflect this edit. A revised Preliminary Drainage Analysis is provided as Resubmitted Attachment L.
2. Owner/Developer’s Statement: I, the owner/developer have read and will comply with all of the requirements specified in this drainage report and plan.  _____ Date _____ [Name, Title] [Business Name] [Address]	The Preliminary Drainage Report has been revised to include this statement. A revised Preliminary Drainage Analysis is provided as Resubmitted Attachment L.
3. El Paso County: Filed in accordance with the requirements of the Drainage Criteria Manual, Volumes 1 and 2, El Paso County Engineering Criteria Manual and Land Development Code as amended.  _____ Date _____ Joshua Palmer, P.E. County Engineer / ECM Administrator  Conditions:	The Preliminary Drainage Report has been revised to include this statement. A revised Preliminary Drainage Analysis is provided as Resubmitted Attachment L.
4. The cover letter identifies the construction of 4 new electric substations and expansion of 4 others. Included as part of the disturbed area. Depending on the size of development/disturbance these sites may need detention and water quality to mitigate the increase in flows caused by the development. Please provide discussion regarding these substations.	The Preliminary Drainage Report only addresses Pathway facilities proposed in El Paso County, which includes approximately 45 miles of new 345-kv double-circuit electric transmission line. No substations are proposed in El Paso County and are therefore not discussed in the Preliminary Drainage Report.
5. No need to change this text but for your information an ESQCP (Erosion and Stormwater Quality Control Permit) will be required with final design.	Xcel Energy will obtain an Erosion and Stormwater Quality Control Permit prior to construction.
6. Please see comments on the next page regarding how to discuss and approach water quality requirements.	Comments regarding water quality requirements have been addressed.
7. In the cover letter it is also discussed than there will be four new substation and substation improvements to existing substations.	The Preliminary Drainage Report only addresses Pathway facilities proposed in El Paso County, which includes approximately 45 miles of new 345-kv double-circuit electric transmission line. No substations are proposed in El Paso County and are therefore not discussed in the Preliminary Drainage Report.

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8. This does not align with EPC water quality requirements.	The Preliminary Drainage Report has been revised to omit this language. A revised Preliminary Drainage Analysis is provided as Resubmitted Attachment L.
9. If/when the site disturbs >1ac of soil, a stormwater quality treatment facility (PBMP) will be needed for the runoff from the non-excluded areas. Exclusions can be found in our PBMP Applicability Form and ECM Appendix I.7. In your water quality section you should discuss what exclusions you may be proposing to use and if the unexcluded areas exceed 1 acre you will need to implement a PBMP. We are just looking for an outline of the water quality strategy at this time and detailed design will not be needed at this stage. The ECM Appendix Section I.7.1.B.4 lists the exclusion Aboveground and Underground Utilites which may apply for most of the project; verify if this will be proposed to be used. This exclusion does not include substation improvements and the project must not permanently alter the terrain, ground cover, or drainage patterns from those present prior to the construction activity.	The estimated change from vegetated area to imperviousness area due to the proposed transmission line pole foundations is less than 0.5 acres over the span of 45 miles, roughly 171 square feet of new impervious surface per mile of line, a <i>de minimis</i> change. Surface water flow from the project area will not change due to the minor localized grading impacts and pole installation.
10. [To Be Included With The Preliminary Design Submittal] [Highlighting to indicate misspelling of Preliminary]	The misspelling of "Preliminary" has been corrected in the Preliminary Drainage Report.
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Drainage Report Comments	A revised Preliminary Drainage Analysis is provided as Resubmitted Attachment L to address the comments in the document titled "PCD Project Manager_2024-08-19_006.pdf".
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Development Agreement 1. Also see County Attorneys comments	Xcel Energy has addressed the County Attorney comments provided in the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County Attorney - Development Review_2024-07-30_Comment</li> <li>• County Attorney - Development Review_2024-08-20_Comment</li> </ul> A revised Development Agreement is provided concurrent with this document.
2. Remove this language, overweight permits are required to travel all County roads, not just the load rated bridges	A revised Development Agreement is provided concurrent with this document.
3. [Highlighting] on these load-posted bridges	A revised Development Agreement is provided concurrent with this document.
4. Road condition survey shall be such that a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) is generated for the paved roadways. A visual inspection alone of paved roadways will not be allowed.	Xcel Energy will conduct a Pavement Condition Index before, during, and after each paved road in El Paso County
5. Verify if LiDAR is needed anywhere.	Xcel Energy completed LiDAR in the portion of Segment 5 in El Paso County in 2023.
<b>PCD Project Manager_2024-08-19_007_Comment.txt</b>	
1. Development Agreement. DPW comments; County Attorney Comments are forthcoming.	Xcel Energy has addressed the County Attorney comments provided in the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County Attorney - Development Review_2024-07-30_Comment</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County Attorney - Development Review_2024-08-20_Comment A revised Development Agreement is provided concurrent with this document.</li> </ul>
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Federal Aviation Administration Information 1. Provide correspondence from FAA; this is not correspondence	Pathway transmission poles proposed in El Paso County do not meet the criteria to file with the FAA. Results of the FAA Notice Criteria Tool for each transmission pole location are included in Attachment U.
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Federal Aviation Administration Information 1. Please provide correspondence from the FAA so staff can include conditions of approval regarding the FAA requirements. Expect lighting requirements per the FAA guidelines.	Pathway transmission poles proposed in El Paso County do not meet the criteria to file with the FAA. Results of the FAA Notice Criteria Tool for each transmission pole location are included in Attachment U.
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Attachment A: Application Form 1. (EPC)	The Application Form has been revised to incorporate this text. The revised Application Form is provided as Resubmitted Attachment A.
2. Correct to application paid that the official time clock submittal	The Application Form has been revised to reflect the payment date of the application fee. The revised Application Form is provided as Resubmitted Attachment A.
3. Add the specifics as to what EPC is approving; we are not citing 510 miles; 4 substations; 4 upgrades, etc...how much of that is EPC citing segment 5 which includes:	The Application Form has been revised to provide clarification on what Pathway facilities are proposed in El Paso County. The revised Application Form is provided as Resubmitted Attachment A.
4. Add staging areas # & acreage; lay down areas in EPC	The Application Form has been revised to provide clarification that no staging areas are proposed in El Paso County. The revised Application Form is provided as Resubmitted Attachment A.
5. This does not give me the location...what roads is this adjacent to or near	The Application Form has been revised to provide clarification on where the facilities proposed in El Paso County are located. The revised Application Form is provided as Resubmitted Attachment A.
6. Reference the exhibit	The Application Form has been revised to include exhibit references, where applicable. The revised Application Form is provided as Resubmitted Attachment A.
7. Provide a list of parcel numbers and names of roads that corridor and substations will be upon	A list of parcels crossed by the proposed transmission line easement in El Paso County is provided as Attachment Q. A list of roads crossed by the proposed transmission line easement are also provided in Attachment Q. No substations are proposed in El Paso County.
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Application Exhibit B comments	The Application Form, provided as Attachment A in the Application, has been revised to address the comments provided in document titled "PCD Project Manager_2024-08-19_009.pdf".  The Vicinity Map, provided as Attachment B in the Application, has been revised to address the comments provided in document titled "PCD Project

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	Manager_2024-08-19_011.pdf". The revised Vicinity Map is provided as Resubmitted Attachment B.
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<p>Application Narrative</p> <p>1. Identify the attachment name that answers this column - you have for some rows. Ex: mineral interest who will be sent (attachment P) Notices forth coming; add page numbers for the pdf document to this section 2.405 so reader can find answer with ease; running through a127 to find the answer to the 1041 question appears to have a lack of transparency. This is not a format staff has reviewed in the 1041 review process. Please make adjustments and staff will review thoroughly</p>	<p>The Application Narrative has been broken up into 5 documents to align with the 1041 Code, as requested by El Paso County. Each Submittal Requirement table has been revised to include references to page numbers and attachments, as applicable.</p>
<p>2. This should only have the in for pertinent this section; add page numbers for references and ability find answer to statement</p>	<p>The Application Narrative has been broken up into 5 documents to align with the 1041 Code, as requested by El Paso County. Each Submittal Requirement table has been revised to include references to page numbers and attachments, as applicable.</p>
<b>PCD Project Manager_2024-08-19_010_Comment.txt</b>	
<p>Application Narrative</p> <p>1. Brake the chapters out and upload them to individual line items. Separate the letter of intent from the chapters, please.</p>	<p>The Application Narrative has been broken up into 5 documents to align with the 1041 Code, as requested by El Paso County.</p>
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<p>Application Narrative</p> <p>1. Revise the numbering so it matches the 1041 Chapter &amp; Sections entire document-it's very confusing the way it is written. Adjust chart to match the sections of the 1041 code where applicable...please do not rename the Code sections</p>	<p>The Application Narrative has been broken up into 5 documents to align with the 1041 Code, as requested by El Paso County: Letter of Intent; 2.303 Submittal Requirements for All Permit Applications; 5.201 Application Submission Requirements, 2.405 Review Criteria for All Applications, and 5.202 Review Criteria. Section numbering in these documents matches the numbering used in the 1041 Code.</p>
<p>2. Identify the attachment name that answers this column - you have for some rows. Ex: mineral interest who will be sent (attachment P) Notices forth coming; add page numbers for the pdf document to this section 2.303 so reader can find answer with ease; running through a127 to find the answer to the 1041 question may appear to have a lack of transparency.</p>	<p>The Application Narrative has been broken up into 5 documents to align with the 1041 Code, as requested by El Paso County. This table has been incorporated into the documents specific to 2.303 Submittal Requirements for All Permit Applications; 5.201 Application Submission Requirements, 2.405 Review Criteria for All Applications, and 5.202 Review Criteria, section call-outs have been revised, and attachment names have been added.</p>
<p>3. Section at a time to be uploaded to each line item to correspond to EDARP- applies to all chapters</p>	<p>The Application Narrative has been broken up into 5 documents to align with the 1041 Code, as requested by El Paso County: Letter of Intent; 2.303 Submittal Requirements for All Permit Applications; 5.201 Application Submission Requirements, 2.405 Review Criteria for All Applications, and 5.202 Review Criteria. These documents will be uploaded to the corresponding line item in EDARP, as available.</p>
<p>4. Delete no waivers for this project</p>	<p>Text has been deleted in the document titled "2.303 Submission Requirements for All Permit Applications".</p>

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5. Q	A Parcel List, detailing the parcels crossed by the transmission line easement in El Paso County is included as Attachment Q.
6. Stop here upload this section to the appropriate line item in EDARP with the supporting documentation and answers to Chapter	The Application Narrative has been broken up into 5 documents to align with the 1041 Code, as requested by El Paso County: Letter of Intent; 2.303 Submittal Requirements for All Permit Applications; 5.201 Application Submission Requirements, 2.405 Review Criteria for All Applications, and 5.202 Review Criteria. Section numbering in these documents matches the numbering used in the 1041 Code. These documents will be uploaded to the corresponding line item in EDARP, as available.
7. Add page numbers so sections can be found since applicant did not respond to each line item but rather refers reader to find information within a 127 pages	The Application Narrative has been broken up into 5 documents to align with the 1041 Code, as requested by El Paso County. This table has been incorporated into the documents specific to 2.303 Submittal Requirements for All Permit Applications; 5.201 Application Submission Requirements, 2.405 Review Criteria for All Applications, and 5.202 Review Criteria, section call-outs have been revised, and attachment names have been added.
8. Stop here upload this section to the appropriate line item in EDARP with the supporting documentation and answers to Chapter	The Application Narrative has been broken up into 5 documents to align with the 1041 Code, as requested by El Paso County: Letter of Intent; 2.303 Submittal Requirements for All Permit Applications; 5.201 Application Submission Requirements, 2.405 Review Criteria for All Applications, and 5.202 Review Criteria. Section numbering in these documents matches the numbering used in the 1041 Code. These documents will be uploaded to the corresponding line item in EDARP, as available.
9. Stop here upload this section to the appropriate line item in EDARP with the supporting documentation and answers to Chapter	The Application Narrative has been broken up into 5 documents to align with the 1041 Code, as requested by El Paso County: Letter of Intent; 2.303 Submittal Requirements for All Permit Applications; 5.201 Application Submission Requirements, 2.405 Review Criteria for All Applications, and 5.202 Review Criteria. Section numbering in these documents matches the numbering used in the 1041 Code. These documents will be uploaded to the corresponding line item in EDARP, as available.
10. Numbering conflicts with 1041 Code and is very confusing; perhaps remove numbering in letter of intent. Upload letter of intent to its own line item	The Application Narrative has been broken up into 5 documents to align with the 1041 Code, as requested by El Paso County: Letter of Intent; 2.303 Submittal Requirements for All Permit Applications; 5.201 Application Submission Requirements, 2.405 Review Criteria for All Applications, and 5.202 Review Criteria. The section numbering in these documents matches the numbering used in the respective sections of the 1041 Code. These documents will be uploaded to the corresponding line item in EDARP. The section numbering was not modified in the Letter of Intent as there is no corresponding 1041 Code section to match.

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11. Letter of Intent pgs 1-22	Pages 1-22 of the original 1041 Permit Application Narrative have been reformatted as the Letter of Intent.
12. Attachment Q Parcel list	A list of the parcels crossed by the transmission line easement in El Paso County is included as Attachment Q.
13. These pages 1-22 should be in a letter of Intent so one can clearly differentiate between the Code sections for 1041 and the sections you have identified here...	Pages 1-22 of the original 1041 Permit Application Narrative have been reformatted as the Letter of Intent.
14. LETTER OF INTENT	Pages 1-22 of the original 1041 Permit Application Narrative have been reformatted as the Letter of Intent.
15. Outline EPC so its clear what is relative to the EPC review	Sections 1 and 5 of the Letter of Intent have been restructured to distinguish between background information about Colorado's Power Pathway as a whole and the description of the facility proposed in El Paso County. El Paso County is now outlined in Figure 1: Colorado's Power Pathway in the Letter of Intent.
16. Below there is reference to come to this section for detailed list; no list is provided	In this section, Table 3 provides information on Federal, State and Local approvals anticipated for Pathway. A reference to Table 3 was added to the text, for clarity.
17. Regional Pathway Project but it does include the complete project in El Paso County correct? wording is confusing	Text has been revised to clearly describe the portion of Colorado's Power Pathway proposed in El Paso County.
18. Add this to the request in the application; EXHIBIT B with the laydown areas; construction yards and other temp uses	The Vicinity Map has been revised to show staging/laydown areas. No laydown yards are proposed in El Paso County. Sheet maps have been added following the Vicinity Map to show the conductor stringing areas. The revised Vicinity Map is provided as Resubmitted Attachment B.
19. Red font appears to be draft color not final; maybe use blue or different font throughout document	The red header font has been changed to black.
20. Reference a map depicting phases (provide attachment)	Text has been revised for clarity. The intent of this section is to describe the different steps in the construction process.
21. Elaborate the protocol to do this; how will residents be notified; hours in advance; are they compensated; duration?	The current construction plan does not include the use of helicopters within El Paso County for stringing the conductor wire. If helicopters will be used for stringing the conductor wire, Xcel Energy will provide El Paso County with a comprehensive plan detailing any temporary road closure, including affected routes, closure durations, and detours and will coordinate with El Paso County authorities to minimize disruption and address community concerns.
22. Verify this is included and ,attached table above	The information included in Table 5, Daily Vehicle Trips during Transmission Line Construction in El Paso County, and the supporting text is included and accurate.
23. Revise the numbering so it matches the 1041 Chapter & sections entire document-its very confusing they way it is written . Adjust chart in beginning of pdf to match the sections of the 1041 code where applicable...please do not rename the Code sections	The Application Narrative has been broken up into 5 documents to align with the 1041 Code, as requested by El Paso County: Letter of Intent; 2.303 Submittal Requirements for All Permit Applications; 5.201 Application Submission Requirements, 2.405 Review Criteria for All Applications, and 5.202 Review Criteria. Section numbering in these documents matches the numbering used in the 1041 Code. These

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24. Letter of intent page X	This text was revised to include the section and page number of where the information can be found in the Letter of Intent.
25. Continue correcting the numbering so it exactly matched the 1041 Code Appendix	The Application Narrative has been broken up into 5 documents to align with the 1041 Code, as requested by El Paso County: Letter of Intent; 2.303 Submittal Requirements for All Permit Applications; 5.201 Application Submission Requirements, 2.405 Review Criteria for All Applications, and 5.202 Review Criteria. Section numbering in these documents matches the numbering used in the 1041 Code. These documents will be uploaded to the corresponding line item in EDARP, as available.
26. Staff is confused which sections referring to - there are sections that are not corresponding to the Chapters and articles in the Code; this occurs throughout the documentation - put "sections" not in Code as a letter of intent	The Application Narrative has been broken up into 5 documents to align with the 1041 Code, as requested by El Paso County: Letter of Intent; 2.303 Submittal Requirements for All Permit Applications; 5.201 Application Submission Requirements, 2.405 Review Criteria for All Applications, and 5.202 Review Criteria. Section numbering in these documents matches the numbering used in the 1041 Code. These documents will be uploaded to the corresponding line item in EDARP, as available.
27. Letter of intent page X	This text was revised to include the section and page number of where the information can be found in the Letter of Intent.
28. Confusing again - refer to a letter of intent- applies throughout documentation	This text was revised to include the section and page number of where the information can be found in the Letter of Intent. This edit has been made throughout the documents.
29. Insert answer here for EPC work	Pathway facilities in El Paso County will be constructed during the overall Segment 5 construction timeline. The exact construction schedule in each county will be determined by the construction contractor. Clarifying text has been added to the 2.303 Submission Requirements for All Permit Applications document included as part of this Application.
30. Please answer these dont refer to a section. There were reports submitted to support your conclusion that may be referenced	Text has been added to this section for clarity.
31. Discuss the current -future demand for power and population it serves where is that population and how this meets the demand; is the population being served within EPC	Text has been added to this section for clarity.
32. yes we will add that condition; we cant approve a site dev plan on land that doesnt give permission to develop. How many easements have been acquired ; how many needed still; how many condemnations are anticipated ?	As of December 17, 2024, Xcel Energy has acquired 32 of 50 landowners (64%) of the Pathway transmission line route in El Paso County.
33. Please list the permits required in EPC here. ex: work in row permits, ESQCP permits, PPRBD building permits, etc	This text was revised to list the permits and approvals anticipated to be obtained from El Paso County.
34. Introduction above?	This text was revised to refer to the section and page number of the Letter of Intent where this information can be found.

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35. Copies of relevant official federal and state consultation correspondence prepared for the Project;	This section references the copies of coordination letters sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Colorado Parks and Wildlife that were included with the Application materials. This text was revised to include information regarding the Federal Aviation Administration Notice Criteria Tool for all transmission pole locations in El Paso County (Attachment U) and the CPUC Decision Regarding Noise And Magnetic Field Reasonableness (Attachment S).
36. Co Public Utilities Com approvals?	Information regarding the Colorado Public Utilities Commission approval was added to this section. The Colorado Public Utilities Commission Decisions Regarding Colorado's Power Pathway is provided in Attachment S.
37. You have provided a zonemap- Please add a symbol or label of land use- is land adj to line vacant; has residence; commercial business- the land use is not identified in the exhibit.	Text has been added and the Land Use and Zoning Map has been revised to address this comment. The revised Land Use and Zoning Map is provided as Resubmitted Attachment F.
38. The name of the road is "1"? please correct name	Text has been revised and the Land Use and Zoning Map has been revised to address this comment. The revised Land Use and Zoning Map is provided as Resubmitted Attachment F.
39. Letter of intent page X	This text was revised to include the section and page number of where the information can be found in the Letter of Intent.
40. What about States Plan Policies for renewable energy does it help with that?	Text has been added to address the Colorado Climate Action Plan to Reduce Pollution.
41. Please restate the written agreements- the only agreement above is dev agreement and thats between County and applicant	Text has been revised to refer to the agreements with the irrigation ditch companies.
42. Describe impacts to Agricultural lands	Text has been revised to clarify the impacts to agricultural lands.
43. Will sound and electro interference impact cattle/ livestock? Is there proof or a study provided? This is a concern.	Text has been added to this section for additional detail on sound and electro interference on cattle/livestock. Attachment R provides two studies to support this discussion.
44. Letter of intent? Are their reports backing these statements up to reference? State No Floodplain crossings. Is there a Flood plain map depicting line outside of FP?	Text has been added to reference reports, floodplain crossings, and the map where floodplains are identified.
45. If this doesnt produce power for EPX residents than it wont provide additional growth opportunities (sprawl)..add language	Text has been added to address electric power that can be used by local transmission power companies.
46. Specify whether the demand for the Project is associated with development within or contiguous to existing service areas within EPC....	Text has been added to address Colorado's clean energy goals and clean energy development opportunities.
47. What is financial impact to EPC users?	Text has been revised to clarify financial impact.
48. This is an analysis of impacts during construction and throughout life of project. Are school bus routes impacted during construction? Roads are shut down correct? which roads howlong...Watering trucks are used? where is water from? Letter of Intent and reference reports submitted	Text has been revised to address construction traffic impacts.
49. Provide report or data as an attachment and reference here	Reference to the Cultural Resource Desktop Review for Colorado's Power Pathway in El Paso County has been added and this report is included in Attachment V.



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50. Please address mitigation for dust among other impacts during construction and expand on the long term nuisance impacts or lack of impacts for the lines; reference reports or studies and provide the attachments	This section was revised to more explicitly address proposed mitigation measures, and reference reports and studies. The Noise and EMF Study is included in Attachment E. The Studies Evaluating Potential Impacts to Livestock From Electric Transmission Lines are included in Attachment R. The Colorado Public Utilities Commission Decisions Regarding Colorado's Power Pathway is included in Attachment S.
51. Descriptions of noise, glare, dust, fumes, vibration, and odor levels anticipated to be caused by the Project.	This section was revised to more explicitly address noise, glare, dust, fumes, vibration, and odor during construction and operations.
52. Tell the reader how here	Text was revised to specify how noise nuisance will be mitigated.
53. Define corona for the reader	This section was revised to define corona.
54. the elevation of the lines is roughly 5000-6000 feet above sea level correct? Please provide communication for reference from PUD as attachment.	Text was revised to refer to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission decision. The Colorado Public Utilities Commission Decisions Regarding Colorado's Power Pathway is included as Attachment S.
55. Is there a study available regarding impacts to livestock from the powerlines?	Text was added to describe the findings of studies that evaluated impacts to livestock from electric power lines. The Studies Evaluating Potential Impacts to Livestock From Electric Transmission Lines are included in Attachment R.
56. Letter of intent...	This reference has been corrected.
57. Discuss watering during construction; supply for these is from? quantity estimated?	Xcel Energy is coordinating with Cherokee Metro District to source water during construction activities. The estimated quantity for water during construction of pole foundations is 30,000 gallons per week (150,000 gallons total). The estimated quantity of water required for dust control during construction is 5,000 gallons per week (25,000 gallons total).
58. Please answer the 1041 here	Text was added to address the 1041 requirements of this section.
59. Any coordination with Fire district occurring?	Xcel Energy will coordinate with each Fire District crossed by Pathway in El Paso County. Copies of the Fire District Coordination Letters are provided in Attachment T.
60. Any coordination with Fire district occurring?	Xcel Energy will coordinate with each Fire District crossed by Pathway in El Paso County. Copies of the Fire District Coordination Letters are provided in Attachment T.
61. Define TCS	Text was revised to address this comment.
62. Answer question here please; provide summary of what was provided in the letter of intent	Text was revised to address this comment. The Monitoring and Mitigation Plan is provided in Attachment W.
63. Additional attachments may be needed to address comments. Parcel List is needed; PUC correspondence for approval, fire districts correspondence, etc	Text was added to reference additional information provided in response to El Paso County's review comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attachment Q: Parcel List</li> <li>• Attachment R: Studies Evaluating Potential Impacts to Livestock From Electric Transmission Lines</li> <li>• Attachment S: Colorado Public Utilities Commission Decisions Regarding Colorado's Power Pathway</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attachment T: Fire District Coordination Letters</li> <li>• Attachment U: Results of the Federal Aviation Administration Notice Criteria Tool for Transmission Pole Locations in El Paso County</li> <li>• Attachment V: Cultural Resource Desktop Review for Colorado's Power Pathway in El Paso County</li> <li>• Attachment W: Monitoring and Mitigation Plan</li> <li>• Attachment X: Typical Cross-Section of Proposed Transmission Line Corridor and El Paso County Road Right-of-Way</li> </ul>
64. Upload to appropriate line item in EDARP for this section	The Application Narrative has been broken up into 5 documents to align with the 1041 Code, as requested by El Paso County: Letter of Intent; 2.303 Submittal Requirements for All Permit Applications; 5.201 Application Submission Requirements, 2.405 Review Criteria for All Applications, and 5.202 Review Criteria. Section numbering in these documents matches the numbering used in the 1041 Code. These documents will be uploaded to the corresponding line item in EDARP, as available.
65. How is it protected from highwinds? what about impacts from magnetic and corona; noise	Text was added to address this comment. Information from the Noise and EMF Study was added to this section, and this study was included as Attachment E. Reference to the CPUC decision was added and the decision is included as Attachment S.
66. Letter of intent	This reference has been corrected.
67. Discuss a summary of the development agreement to cover road bridge damages to County infrastructure and collateral; are you working with school districts for road closures? Have you provided a detour road route for the road closures for the public to use?	A revised Development Agreement that includes requirements to address damage to roads and bridges caused by the construction of Pathway is provided concurrent with this document. Construction will generally occur within permanent and temporary easements acquired for Pathway. Prolonged road closures and detours are not anticipated during construction. Traffic control measures may be needed during wire pulling activities; Xcel Energy will obtain the necessary permits from El Paso County and from CDOT, as needed, prior to construction. Impacts to school bus routes are not anticipated.
68. Provide documentation from CPUC	Reference to the CPUC decision was added and the decision is included as Attachment S.
69. Fire district coordination and letters; the ER plan provided is to general and not specific for rural districts; please draft for rural county and the rural fire districts; should cover wind, flood and fire emergencies	Xcel Energy will coordinate with each Fire District crossed by Pathway in El Paso County. Copies of the Fire District Coordination Letters are provided in Attachment T.
70. Specify whether the demand for the Project is associated with development within or contiguous to existing service areas within EPC....	Text has been added to address Colorado's clean energy goals and clean energy development opportunities.
71. Provide the answers here whole section dont refer to letter of intent (LOI) to have reader go search for the answer; please reference reports and letter of intent for further support of response	Text has been added to include the description of the transmission poles.
72. CHAPTER 5. Article 2; section 5.201	The Application Narrative has been broken up into 5 documents to align with the 1041 Code, as requested by El Paso County: Letter of Intent;

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73. Upload to appropriate line item in EDARP this section only	The Application Narrative has been broken up into 5 documents to align with the 1041 Code, as requested by El Paso County: Letter of Intent; 2.303 Submittal Requirements for All Permit Applications; 5.201 Application Submission Requirements, 2.405 Review Criteria for All Applications, and 5.202 Review Criteria. Section numbering in these documents matches the numbering used in the 1041 Code. These documents will be uploaded to the corresponding line item in EDARP, as available.
74. Provide a typical section showing the transmission lines corridor and its proximity to the County ROW.	A typical cross-section of the proposed transmission line corridor and El Paso County road right-of-way is provided in Attachment X.
75. Provide a map of the end users- none are located in EPC; please clarify that	Text has been added to address Colorado's clean energy goals and clean energy development opportunities. A map of Colorado's Power Pathway is included in Figure 1 of the Letter of Intent (page 3).
76. Answer here please	Text was added to respond to this comment.
77. Provide the answers here whole section dont refer to letter of intent (LOI) to have reader go search for the answer; please reference reports and letter of intent for further support of response	Text was added to respond to this comment.
78. Provide info on discussions with fire districts; how are rural districts going to handle an emergency? do they have the equipment?	Xcel Energy will coordinate with each Fire District crossed by Pathway in El Paso County. Copies of the Fire District Coordination Letters are provided in Attachment T.
79. Update ER plan and work with Districts and Office of ER Management to do so	The Fire Prevention Plan and Fire Prevention and Mitigation training for Pathway has been added to Attachment H, Emergency Response Procedures. Xcel Energy will coordinate with each Fire District crossed by Pathway in El Paso County. Copies of the Fire District Coordination Letters are provided in Attachment T.
80. Provide info on discussions with fire districts; how are rural districts going to handle an emergency? do they have the equipment?	Xcel Energy will coordinate with each Fire District crossed by Pathway in El Paso County. Copies of the Fire District Coordination Letters are provided in Attachment T.
81. Provide rational for no underground lines throughout project in EPC and at key nodes	Text was added to discuss the evaluation of undergrounding the electric transmission line.
82. 5.201.8 a-g requires detailed response as it related to land in EPC; responses below are general and do not discuss EPC but rather Colorado as a whole	Text has been added to address local transmission providers.
83. How many homes? businesses? where are these populations located?	Text has been added to identify the number of homes that will be powered by the energy capacity provided by Pathway.
84. Question not answered	Text has been added to address local transmission providers.

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85. Please respond here	Text was deleted for clarity.
86. Provide road names ; summarize route	Text was added to summarize the route and identify the roads that Pathway will be co-located with.
87. Requires detailed response as it related to land in EPC; responses below are general and do not discuss EPC but rather Colorado as a whole	Text has been added to address local transmission providers and to provide details as to why the existing transmission lines in El Paso County are at maximum capacity.
88. Provide a plan please - it is understood that a summary is provided in the letter of intent	The Monitoring and Mitigation Plan is provided in Attachment W.
89. This doesn't address community patterns: residents; school buses; small business; etc	Text was revised to address community patterns.
<b>PCD Project Manager_2024-08-19_011_Comment.txt</b>	
1. V1_1041 Documents / Responses Related to 2.303 and all chapters that will need to be separated out and uploaded to each chapters line item. Review 1	The Application Narrative has been broken up into 5 documents to align with the 1041 Code, as requested by El Paso County.
<b>Tri-County Fire Protection District_2024-08-15_Comment.txt</b>	
<p>1. The Emergency Response Procedures provided is good information for after the substations have been constructed and are in-service. However, due to the rural area, limited day time staffing, and location in the prairie wildland interface (PUI) we need the emergency response procedures in the event of a fire during the construction of the power pathway. Please provide us with the procedures if there is a fire at the worksite, firefighting equipment and fire training of personnel at the work site. We will require that an internal hot work permitting process be completed anytime there is hot work (Welding or Cutting) on site. During a burn ban (Stage-1) or red flag day we would require that a hot work permit be submitted to the fire department. If there is a stage - 2 burn ban in place hot work will only be allowed on a case by case basis and special precautions will need to be taken. Also due to the long response times we would like to know your emergency medical plans for the work site. Note that the response times for ground ambulances could be well over an hour to reach your site. Please submit your emergency prevention and preparedness plans. Thank you, Mark Stanwood Fire Chief.</p>	<p>The Fire Prevention Plan and Fire Prevention and Mitigation training for Pathway has been added to Attachment H, Emergency Response Procedures. Xcel Energy understands that a hot work permit will be required anytime there is hot work on site and understands that hot work will only be allowed on a case by case basis and special precautions will need to be taken if there is a stage - 2 burn ban in place. The Pathway Health and Safety Plan has been added to Attachment H, Emergency Response Procedures. Information from the Pathway Health and Safety Plan regarding emergency medical plans for remote work sites includes:</p> <p>Remote Locations Some job sites may be in remote locations lacking a formal address, not visible from the road, or difficult to reach by vehicle. If these characteristics apply, during the daily tailboard the Foreman will assign emergency duties to competent employees and communication methods will be established. In the event of an emergency, an employee shall be present at the access point near a known address to place an obvious marker, such as a cone or flag, and have knowledge of how to reach the work site promptly to assist emergency services. PAR vehicles shall be equipped with well-stocked first aid kits and a means to summon additional support. PAR foremen vehicles are typically equipped with AEDs. During the Job Briefing/Tailboard, the foreman shall provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical Job Location</li> <li>• Location of medical supplies</li> <li>• Emergency Contact Numbers (i.e., 911)</li> <li>• Location of nearest hospital/medical facility</li> </ul> <p>If you are involved in, witness, or discover an incident/event:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess the scene and verify that it is safe to provide help.</li> <li>Check the scene for any injured person(s) and assess their status.</li> </ul> <p>The actions in the bullet points may happen simultaneously depending on available help (personnel), event assessment, and the status of individuals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the scene cannot be safely entered or secured so that it can be entered, contact the designated emergency contacts, your next in line PAR management/local safety personnel, and 911 for life-threatening conditions.</li> <li>If the scene is safe to enter and the event results in an injury(s), CPR and First Aid should be given. Contact the designated emergency contacts, your next in line PAR management/local safety personnel, and 911 for life-threatening conditions.</li> </ul>
<b>County Attorney - Development Review_2024-08-20_Comment.txt</b>	
Please submit the Development Agreement in Word for ease of editing.	The Development Agreement has been resubmitted in Microsoft Word file format. The revised Development Agreement is provided concurrent with this document.
<b>Hanover Fire Protection District_2024-09-08_Comment.txt</b>	
<p>This is just outside our response area. This will be the Eddison Fire District Chief Mark Anderson 719-892-0263. I would highly recommend contacting his agency for comments.</p> <p>We would like to be notified if the haul routes or the project moves west into the Hanover FD response area.</p>	Noted.
<b>EPC_PublicHealth_Comments.pdf</b>	
<p>Please accept the following comments from El Paso County Public Health for the project referenced above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earthmoving activities greater than 25 acres require a Construction Activity Permit from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Air Pollution Control Division. Go to: <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/general-air-permits">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/general-air-permits</a></li> <li>If necessary, the location of a property owners onsite wastewater treatment system can be found through the El Paso County Assessors Office property search page or by contacting El Paso County Public Health.</li> </ul>	Noted.
<b>USAFA Base Planner_2024-10-04_Comment.txt</b>	
Please view attached file from USAFA.	Noted.
<b>USAFA Base Planner_2024-10-04.pdf</b>	
Prior to the submittal of this project, USAFA collaborated with Xcel Power to ensure that the proposed power lines did not encroach on USAFA's flight training areas in eastern El Paso County. The proposed placement of the power lines confirms that Xcel Power listened and acted on USAFA's concerns, which was noted and	Noted.

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<p>appreciated. By placing the proposed power lines outside of our flight training areas, USAFA can continue powered flight training in eastern El Paso County.</p>	
<p>Our powered flight program relies on multiple flight training areas in both Elbert County and El Paso County. The 557th Flight Training Squadron's mission is to develop leaders and Air Force pilots among cadets at USAFA. During training, the cadets fly single engine propeller planes (T-53, T-51 and T-41) at low altitudes (500' to 2,000') from USAFA's Davis Airfield to one of the training areas where they have been refining their flying skills over Colorado's open plains since the 1970s. These aircraft operations occur from sunrise to sunset, Monday through Friday and occasionally on Saturdays, with substantial numbers of training aircraft. Again, we appreciate Xcel Power's willingness to work with USAFA to keep the current flight training areas viable for many years to come.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>USAFA is also concerned with possible secondary lines that may run west from this main trunk line. We request assurances that any future proposed secondary lines will not encroach on the flight training areas. These secondary lines may not be as high as the primary lines, but they may still create a hazard if placed underneath the training areas. If needed, USAFA is willing to start a dialog to ensure all interests are considered and protected.</p>	<p>Xcel Energy is not currently planning any secondary lines as part of Pathway. Any transmission lines that may be proposed in the future will require permits from El Paso County and coordination with USAFA as part of the El Paso County permitting process.</p>
<p>Lastly, Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 77 may require review of this project (including the proposed use of any associated construction cranes) by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). If this review has not been accomplished, the process can be started by going to <a href="https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/portal.jsp">https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/portal.jsp</a>. Instructions for how to determine if a full aeronautical study is required, are on the main page. Once the review is complete, we request that the applicant send a copy of either the page showing no further study is required, or the aeronautical study review number to the email below.</p>	<p>Pathway transmission poles proposed in El Paso County do not meet the criteria to file with the FAA. Results of the FAA Notice Criteria Tool for each transmission pole location are included in Attachment U.</p>