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Denver, CO 80202

**Re: Second Submission Review – Pawnee to Daniels Park Transmission Line Project**  
Application Number: **DA-2097-00**  
Case Number: **2017-6035-00**

Dear Mr. Holscher:

Thank you for your second submission, which we started to process on Monday, October 2, 2017. We reviewed it and attached our comments along with this cover letter. The first section of our review highlights our major comments. The following sections contain more specific comments, including those received from other city departments.

Since several important issues still remain including receiving comments from Buckley Air Force Base, you will need to resubmit. Your Planning Commission hearing date will be determined at a later date.

Note that all our comments are numbered. When you resubmit, include a cover letter specifically responding to each item. The Planning Department reserves the right to reject any resubmissions that fail to address these items. If you have made any other changes to your documents other than those requested, be sure to also specifically list them in your letter.

As always, if you have any comments or concerns, please give me a call. I may be reached at 303-739-7186.

Sincerely,

Stephen Rodriguez, Planning Supervisor  
City of Aurora Planning Department

cc: John Van Kirk – HDR Engineering Inc. 1670 Broadway Suite 3400 Denver CO 80202  
Mindy Parnes, Planning Manager  
Margee Cannon, Neighborhood Services  
Gary Sandel, ODA  
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## Second Submission Review

### SUMMARY OF KEY COMMENTS FROM ALL DEPARTMENTS

- Previous comment - Neighborhood comments (responses to major issues required with the resubmittal)
- Additional neighborhood comment
- Previous comment - Identify what if any, mitigation or compensation was provided to adjacent or affected property owners was provided in other jurisdictions
- BAFB comments will be forwarded upon receipt

### PLANNING DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

#### **1A. Community Questions, Comments and Concerns**

1A. Please respond in your resubmittal to the major issues identified in the following citizen comments:

**Lynn Reynolds**- I want to thank you for your assistance with this issue, and for recognizing that very few of the Tollgate Crossing residents understand or are on board with the way in which Mr. Holshier and Xcel as a whole have discounted our concerns, wishes, or requests. I was at the forefront of the effort to ask for concessions from the beginning, over a year and a half ago. I have attended City Council meetings, Xcel meetings, HOA meetings, and other special meetings, yet, I did not receive notice of the request for comments regarding the upcoming City Council decision, and missed the deadline for response on 8/24. There have been no signs placed.

We spoke to Mr. Holshier about having the silver poles instead of the brown weathered poles, and he agreed. He advised us that there is absolutely no cost difference for either pole. In his presentation to the County to receive approval to begin the substation on the 1.5 miles of property, he made several statements that were not based in fact, including embellishment regarding the number of meetings he had held with us.

We are extremely concerned with the lack of formal testing with regard to health risks and EMF exposure, especially with regard to children. Double poles will be running through Tollgate neighborhoods, in children's parks and within a few hundred feet of an elementary school. The poles already there are very old. Other, more aesthetic and safer methods for conducting electricity could be utilized in populated areas. Thank you for anything you can do to help us to achieve some concessions, Mr. Rodriguez. You are the first, and only, individual who has listened to our concerns since this project began. We very much appreciate anything you can do. Thank you again.

#### **2. Zoning and Land Use Comments**

2A. Previous comment: Staff received input in the past regarding the color of the transmission line poles. The photo simulations and show both galvanized poles and self-weathering poles that appear to be a *Rustic* shade of brown. Both are shown to be utilized in the 3.9 mile long segment within the city. Please clarify for staff if Xcel Energy has had discussions in the past regarding the preference of the residents regarding the color of the poles, and if so, if it is reflected in the plans.

2B. Previous comment: Identify what mitigation or compensation was provided to and for adjacent or affected property owners in other jurisdictions. For example was any compensation provided for increasing landscaping/screening along the perimeter of a property line to help mitigate visual or aesthetic impacts? If this was provided, is any planned for affected property owners that live along this proposed expansion? Please clarify for staff.



## REFERRAL COMMENTS FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

### **3. City Arborist (Jacque Chomiak)**

3A. There is no mitigation required for naturally occurring trees within the easement. Any trees that were approved to be planted will require mitigation. These trees should be identified before work begins.

### **4. Aurora Water (Anthony Tran)**

4A. No further comments.

### **5. Buckley Air Force Base (BAFB)**

5A. Comments will be forwarded upon receipt from Buckley.