



**ARAPAHOE COUNTY**

**Arapahoe County  
Public Works and Development  
Planning Division**

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**Land Development Application**

This form must be ***complete***.

Land Development Application materials received after 2pm shall be date stamped received the following business day.

APPLICANT NAME:	ADDRESS:  PHONE:  EMAIL:	CONTACT:  TITLE:
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<del>OWNER(S) OF RECORD</del> NAME(S):	ADDRESS:  PHONE:  EMAIL:	<del>SIGNATURE(S):</del>  Contact: Stephanie Phippen _____ _____
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ENGINEERING FIRM NAME:	ADDRESS:  PHONE:  EMAIL:	CONTACT:  TITLE:
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Pre-Submittal Case Number: Q \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_      Pre-Submittal Planner: \_\_\_\_\_      Pre-Submittal Engineer: \_\_\_\_\_

State Parcel ID No. (AIN no.): \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Address or Cross Streets: \_\_\_\_\_

Subdivision Name & Filing No: \_\_\_\_\_

	EXISTING	PROPOSED
Zoning:		
Project Name:		
Site Area (Acres):		
Density (Dwelling Units/Acre):		
Building Square Footage:		
Disturbed Area (Acres):	N/A	

**CASE TYPE (S)**

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**THIS SECTION IS FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Case No:		Assigned Planner:		Assigned Engineer:	
TCHD Fee:	\$	Planning Fee(s):	\$	Engineering Fee(s):	\$

This land use application shall be submitted with all required application fees. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Submittal of this application *does not* establish a vested property right in accordance with C.R.S. 24-68-105(1). Processing and review of this application may require the submittal of additional information, subsequent reviews, and/or meetings, as outlined in the Arapahoe County Land Development Code.

April 10, 2025

Jason Reynolds, Planning Program Manager  
Arapahoe County Planning and Land Development  
6924 S. Lima St.  
Centennial, CO 80112

RE: Letter of Intent: Site Selection and Construction of Major Facilities of a Public Utility  
Permit Application for Colorado's Power Pathway

Dear Manager Reynolds,

Our Company, Public Service Company of Colorado, a Colorado corporation conducting business as Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy), is seeking approval of a Site Selection and Construction of Major Facilities of a Public Utility Permit (1041 Permit) from Arapahoe County to construct and operate a portion of Colorado's Power Pathway (Pathway) in unincorporated Arapahoe County.

Pathway is a \$1.7 billion investment proposed by Xcel Energy to improve the state's electric grid and enable future renewable energy development around the state. Pathway will increase electric reliability, boost the regional economy and create jobs during construction. Pathway includes the installation of approximately 550 miles of new 345-kilovolt (kV) double-circuit transmission line and four new and four expanded substations, which serve as endpoints for the transmission line segments.

Pathway will be constructed in five segments:

- Fort St. Vrain – Canal Crossing (Segment 1)
- Canal Crossing – Goose Creek (Segment 2)
- Goose Creek – May Valley (Segment 3)
- May Valley – Sandstone – Tundra (Segment 4)
- Sandstone – Harvest Mile (Segment 5)

In March 2021, Xcel Energy filed a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) application with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for Pathway. In February 2022, the CPUC provided verbal approval, and in June 2022, the CPUC provided written approval of the CPCN for Segments 1-5.

Preferred transmission line routes and substation sites have been selected after completion of routing and siting studies, coordination with permitting entities, and conducting public outreach.

Pathway facilities proposed in unincorporated Arapahoe County include 17 miles of new 345-kV double-circuit electric transmission line and equipment additions within the existing fence line at Harvest Mile Substation. No new land acquisition is required for the substation equipment additions. Proposed activities in Arapahoe County will also include seeking approval of all temporary construction areas associated with construction of the Pathway facilities for the duration needed to complete Pathway construction, including a laydown yard. The proposed Pathway route is planned to cross parcels within unincorporated Arapahoe County in portions of

Sections 7, 18, 19, 30, 31 and 32, Township 5 South, Range 63 West; Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 12, Township 5 South, Range 64 West; Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, Township 5 South, Range 65 West of the 6th Principal Meridian. The proposed Pathway route is located within unincorporated Arapahoe County in the following zone districts: A-1 (Agricultural-1), A-2 (Agricultural-2), A-E (Agricultural Estate), I-2 (Heavy Industrial), I-2 PUD (Heavy Industrial Planned Unit Development), O (Open) and F (Floodplain) (Arapahoe County 2022). The existing Harvest Mile Substation is also located in parcels zoned as A-1 (Agricultural-1) and in portions of Section 7, Township 5 South, Range 65 West of the 6th Principal Meridian.

As Pathway is a public utility project, the Letter of Intent requirements regarding density, FAR, and percentage of open space are not applicable to Pathway.

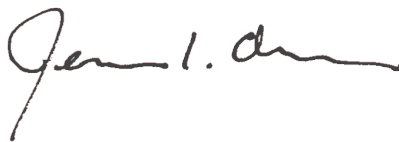
The Segment 5 transmission line and associated new substations and substation expansions or equipment additions will be completed in 2027, assuming required approvals are obtained. Upon completion, Pathway will be operated and monitored remotely 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year to provide safe and reliable electric service.

Project representatives met with County staff on May 25, 2023, and November 21, 2024, for the 1041 Areas and Activities of State Interest Permit Pre-submittal Meeting where Xcel Energy provided information about Pathway and responded to questions from County representatives, and which meeting also served as the statutory consultation meeting required under C.R.S. § 29-20-108(4)(a). This 1041 Areas and Activities of State Interest Permit application has been prepared per the requirements outlined in the Arapahoe County §1041 Regulations and the direction provided by Arapahoe County representatives during the Pre-submittal Meeting.

On January 24, 2025, Xcel Energy submitted a 1041 Areas and Activities of State Interest Permit application to Arapahoe County. This 1041 Areas and Activities of State Interest Permit application has been revised and resubmitted pursuant to Arapahoe County's preliminary pre-check for application completeness provided to Xcel Energy via email on February 7, 2025, and additional direction provided via email by Molly Orkild-Larson, Principal Planner, and Roy W. Rimer, Zoning Inspector.

We look forward to working with you during the permit process. If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me by telephone at (303) 285-6533 or email at [jennifer.l.chester@xcelenergy.com](mailto:jennifer.l.chester@xcelenergy.com), or contact Cory Miller at (303) 571-7759 or [cory.r.miller@xcelenergy.com](mailto:cory.r.miller@xcelenergy.com), or our environmental consultant Stephanie Phippen with Tetra Tech Inc. at (303) 980-3515 or at [stephanie.phippen@tetrattech.com](mailto:stephanie.phippen@tetrattech.com).

Sincerely,



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1800 Larimer Street  
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January 22, 2025

Arapahoe County Public Works & Development  
Planning Division  
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Attn: Planning Division

I, Jennifer Chester (person's name) of Public Service Company of Colorado, a Colorado corporation conducting business as Xcel Energy ("Xcel Energy") (company name), property owner, hereby authorize Stephanie Phippen (name of consultant(s)) of Tetra Tech, Inc. (name of consulting firm(s)) to prepare and sign application materials and otherwise represent the owner(s) regarding the 1041 Areas and Activities of State Interest Permit and Location and Extent Permit (insert land development case type here) for the Colorado's Power Pathway (insert name of project here) located at approximately 17 miles of 345-kV double-circuit transmission line within Segment 5 and equipment additions within the existing fence line at Harvest Mile Substation (insert street address here or legal); generally located in the area east of E-470 and south of I-70 and Watkins and is oriented in a west to east direction; the proposed route runs parallel to East Quincy Avenue south of Watkins and Strasburg and west of Brick-Center Road (County Road 129) (insert parcel number here).

This authorization is limited to the submission of application materials to Arapahoe County Public Works and Development for the above referenced land development project.

By: Jennifer Chester

Property Owner or Authorized Agent printed Name

Jennifer Chester

Date: 1/22/2025

Property Owner or Authorized Agent Signature

State of Colorado

County of Denver

Before me, the undersigned notary public, in and for said state, personally appeared,

Jennifer Chester (insert name of owner here), personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged he/she executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal:

Matthew Sean Reimer

Notary Public Signature

MATTHEW SEAN REIMER  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF COLORADO  
NOTARY ID 20154005891  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MARCH 10, 2025

## CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

I, Kristin Westlund, do hereby certify that I am the Assistant Secretary of Public Service Company of Colorado, a Colorado corporation (the "Company"), and I do hereby further certify the authority of the Jennifer L. Chester, Manager, Siting and Land Rights, on behalf of the Company has authority to act on behalf of the Company.

In witness whereof, the undersigned has hereunto set their hand as of the 4th day of May, 2023.



*Kristin Westlund*

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Kristin Westlund  
Assistant Secretary