



Board of County Commissioner's Summary Report

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To: Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners

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Case name: UASI25-003 Remora Connections - UASI

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to communicate the Engineering Services Staff findings, comments, and recommendations regarding the land use application(s) identified above.

Scope/Location:

DJ South Gathering, LLC, a subsidiary of Elevation Midstream, LLC, and Rocky Mountain Midstream, LLC, a subsidiary of The Williams Companies, Inc., intent to construct the proposed the Remora Crude Oil and Natural Gas Gathering Pipelines Project (the Project). The Project is a joint pipeline project between DJ South Gathering and Rocky Mountain Midstream. The project will originate at the Occidental Petroleum Corporation Remora pad site located on Parcel 1981-00-0-00-244, Section 6, Township 4 South, Range 63 West, in Arapahoe County (Arapahoe County case No. AE24-006) and terminate at Rocky Mountain Midstream's parcel 0181735200001, Section 35, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 2150 Manilla Rd., Adams County.

The Project consists of the installation of approximately 2.02 miles of new up to 8-inch carbon steel crude oil pipeline and up to 10-inch carbon steel natural gas pipeline within a 30-foot-wide permanent easement.

The purpose of the Project is to allow for more efficient pipeline transportation from Occidental's crude oil and gas production facility in Arapahoe County to DJ South's proposed interconnect site to connect into DJ South's existing pipeline system in Adams County, and to Rocky Mountain Midstream's existing compressor station, thereby significantly reducing truck traffic.

Engineering Services Staff has reviewed the land use application(s) and has the following findings and comments:

1. The County's 2040 Transportation Plan states a strategy to preserve section line roadway alignments for future widening (114' ROW – 57' from the section line each side). Based on this strategy, staff recommend that the proposed easements be

located outside of these future rights-of-way as well as the pipeline location. Or at least to place the pipeline outside of the future ROW. Please know that County does not plan to pursue the additional ROW at this time but may be a future desire by the County.

2. The proposed project impacts the I-70 ROW, the applicant should coordinate with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) officials to address any requirements or concerns that CDOT may have regarding the proposal.
3. The pipeline crosses West Sand Creek. West Sand Creek is unmapped drainageway. The delineation of the 100-year floodplain for this unmapped drainageway has not been established. The County defines a floodplain as any drainageway with a tributary area of one square mile or more east of the Box Elder Creek. The tributaries that meet the County's definition of a floodplain should be identified and the Floodplain Delineation Analysis is required.
4. A Floodplain Development Permit (FDP) is required for all activities within the designated floodplain, regardless of impact. Even when it is apparent that there are no adverse impacts to the floodplain, a permit is required for administrative purposes to ensure that the County is aware of the activities within the floodplain and that they have been evaluated for compliance with the County's requirements (an engineer's Floodplain Certification of No Impact is required).
5. For pipeline trench through the 100-year floodplain within the Arapahoe County - In order to properly replace drainage patterns, the applicant is required to provide as-built conditions of all existing major drainageways, as defined by the Arapahoe County Stormwater Management Manual, along the proposed utility alignment/disturbance prior to approval. The major drainageways shall be restored to meet the existing as-built. A restored as-built will also be required and that requirement will be placed on the floodplain development permit. The restored as-built should be submitted to the County for review and approval prior to closed-out the floodplain development permit and the GESC permit.
6. Construction activities that disturb one acre or more are required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to obtain a Construction Stormwater Permit.
7. A License Agreement is required for pipeline within or crossing the County ROW (N CR 121-N Schumaker Rd in this case).

Engineering Services Staff is recommending the land use application(s) favorably subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant agrees to enter the License agreement.
2. All pipeline easements for the project are required and must be in place prior to approval of the project. All executed easements must be submitted to the County for files.