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Attn: Brian Glaspell, Forest Supervisor, White River National Forest
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Re: Development Review Referral - IAR-9555-2025 - Holy Cross Energy (HCE) 115kV Avon-Gilman Transmission Line Project

Ms. Veldhuis,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Holy Cross Energy (HCE) Avon-Gilman Transmission Line Project located in the eastern portion of Eagle County (the "Application") submitted by Brian Glaspell, Forest Supervisor, White River National Forest (the "Applicant"). This interagency referral is known as file number IAR-009555-2025 for Eagle County records. Please officially notify the County should the Application be approved. Please consider the following comments from the Planning Division, Engineering, Wildfire Mitigation, and Open Space and Natural Resources as the Application is reviewed.

Planning Division Comments:

1. It appears some of the transmission lines are passing through private property. Per ECLUR Section 3-310 H. *"The location of power transmission lines with a capacity of sixty-nine (69) kilovolts or greater and pipelines for major transmission shall be subject to the requirements of **SECTION 5-250, Special Uses.**"* (This is also confirmed in Section/ Table 3-300 of the Eagle County Land Use Regulations)
2. In addition to comment stated above in #1, a possible Location and Extents process could be a path forward but either of these scenarios would be confirmed in a future discussion / pre application meeting with Staff prior to constructing the Transmission Line on private property in unincorporated Eagle County.

Engineering Comments:

1. See Attachment

Open Space

1. No additional comments

Wildfire Mitigation

1. The Office of Mitigation and Wildfire Prevention recommends that fuel mitigation beneath the transmission line occurs on a regular basis, with both treatment and removal of slash taking place within the line right-of-way, and a specific focus on the removal of hazardous fuels and combustible materials beneath the line.

Please contact Troy Hangen at (970) 328-8749, or at troy.hangen@eaglecounty.us if you have questions or would like to request a meeting to discuss these comments. Eagle County reserves the right to offer additional comments as more information is provided. Thank you for including Eagle County as a referral agent on this Application and taking our comments into consideration.

Sincerely,

Troy Hangen, Senior Planner

Cc: Trent Hyatt, Community Development Deputy Director
Richard "Rickie" Davies, Senior Staff Engineer
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