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Comments: As a resident of Minturn, I oppose Excel Energy's proposed transmission line project running from Avon to Gilman for the following reasons:

- 1. Minturn is located in one of the most pristine and eco-sensitive areas of the Colorado Rocky Mountains. Such a development would greatly impact the beauty and asthetics of this area.
- 2. This area is extremely dry particularly in the summer months making it very susceptible to fire. Fires in this area will take hundreds of years for recovery given the high mountainous terrain.
- 3. Given the need for energy conservation in order do protect our local environment as well as the entire planet, Excel should be introducing more methods of energy conservation rather than expansion of energy use.