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To;
Highline Electric Association
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To Mr. Herman,

Thank you for providing comments to the Sedgwick County Planning & Zoning Department regarding the Overland Pass Energy East (“OPE”) utility-scale wind system application on behalf of Highline Electric Association (“HEA”). We appreciate your diligence in reviewing the material and continued engagement with the Project, which is highlighted by your taking the time for an in-person meeting on July 29th, 2024.

Your comment letter, which contains the same material that you provided to Sedgwick County for the previous Overland Pass permit submittal in 2023, addresses several topics. Though each topic was discussed in person, OPE’s responses are also captured here in this letter.

- 1- HEA's comment: sub-transmission and distribution systems are not rated for an interconnection of this magnitude, and OPE should anticipate partnering with incumbent or incoming transmission suppliers to facilitate interconnection of their project.**

OPE Comment: OPE acknowledges HEA’s comments.

- 2- HEA’s Comment: HEA requested clarification on the point of measurement on the wind turbine that is used to measure the setback.**

OPE Comment: OPE confirmed to HEA that measurements for setbacks are taken from the total system height, not the tower height. During the in-person meeting, HEA confirmed that this satisfies any concerns regarding setbacks.

- 3- HEA’s Comment: HEA utilizes wireless communications technology as a critical component of our system operations in the county. Our wireless systems include point-to-point and point-to-multipoint microwave equipment between our electrical substations, communications towers, and remote line equipment.**

OPE Comment: OPE and HEA discussed the existing Communications Report. OPE will provide HEA with updated information prior to construction to ensure close coordination and communication with HEA and the existing wireless systems.

4- HEA's Comment: HEA utilizes both overhead and underground power lines in our sub-transmission and distribution systems. HEA encourages Utilization of the Colorado 811 System prior to any digging.

OPE Comments: OPE will utilize the Colorado 811 resource prior to, and during as needed, any construction activities.

5- HEA's Comment: HEA's historic experience with wind farms in other counties have shown that wind tower erection typically utilizes large cranes which move from one turbine site to another while still assembled. These cranes are often tall enough that our distribution lines may need to be temporarily raised or buried in locations along the crane's drive path. If the project proceeds, HEA would welcome contact from OPE at the appropriate stage when they are developing their turbine erection and crane traversal plans, so that we may jointly identify and mitigate proposed distribution line crossings.

OPE Comments: OPE will coordinate closely with HEA on crane path routing where applicable to ensure safe movement on the construction site. Efforts are already underway to share appropriate information between parties to begin early coordination.

Please reach out with further questions.

Sincerely,

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