

August 9, 2024

Rachid Rabbaa, Project Manager  
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City of Aurora  
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RE: Response to Aurora's Section Submission Review Comments for Colorado's Power Pathway Conditional Use and Site Plan (DA-2384-00)

Dear Rachid Rabbaa:

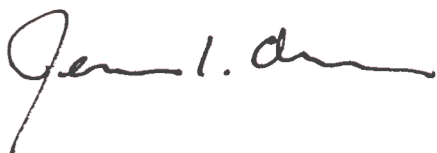
Attached to this letter, please find Xcel Energy's responses to Aurora's August 1, 2024, Second Submission Review Comments for Colorado's Power Pathway Conditional Use and Site Plan (Application Number: DA-2384-00; Case Numbers: 2024-6020, 2024-6020-01).

Concurrent with this letter, Xcel Energy is resubmitting the Site Plan per the *Files Flagged as Resubmit* section of Aurora's Development Application Review online application portal.

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 29-20-108(2), Xcel Energy accepts the proposed hearing date of August 28, 2024.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and other representatives of the City of Aurora during the permitting process for Pathway. Please contact me by telephone at (303) 285-6533 or email at [Jennifer.L.Chester@xcelenergy.com](mailto:Jennifer.L.Chester@xcelenergy.com), Cory Miller at (303) 571-7759 or email at [Cory.R.Miller@xcelenergy.com](mailto:Cory.R.Miller@xcelenergy.com) or contact our environmental consultant Stephanie Phippen with Tetra Tech Inc. at (303) 980-3515 or email at [stephanie.phippen@tetrattech.com](mailto:stephanie.phippen@tetrattech.com) if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jennifer L. Chester". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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## RESPONSE TO SECOND SUBMISSION REVIEW COMMENTS

Below are Xcel Energy's responses to the second submission review comments provided by Aurora dated August 1, 2024.

Xcel Energy has prepared a cross section of Quincy Avenue to respond to these comments and revised the Site Plan to respond to these comments and to include the cross section of Quincy Avenue. The revised Site Plan is provided concurrently with this letter.

### Comment 1: Planning Department Comments

#### Comment 1: Outside Agency Comments, Arapahoe County Planning

**Comment 1:** Previous comments were adequately addressed. No further comments at this time.

**Response:** Noted.

### Comment 2: Completeness and Clarity of the Application Cover Sheet

**Comment 2A:** Provide a street cross section of Quincy Avenue with the proposed transmission line, curbside, sidewalk, rights-of-way, and any utility easements being provided in association with the transmission line. (See Landscaping comments below).

**Response:** The requested street cross section of Quincy Avenue was provided via email on August 9, 2024, and is also included in the revised Site Plan (see Quincy Avenue Cross Section Sheet).

### Comment 3: Landscaping Issues

**Comment 3A:** Provide a street cross section of Quincy Avenue with the proposed transmission line, curbside, sidewalk, rights-of-way and any utility easements being provided in association with the transmission line.

**Response:** The requested street cross section of Quincy Avenue was provided via email on August 9, 2024, and is also included in the revised Site Plan (see Quincy Avenue Cross Section Sheet).

**Comment 3B:** Include any proposed utility easements associated with the transmission line. Also include the ultimate roadway condition with sidewalks and curbside areas aka tree lawns to determine whether the proposed transmission line or the easement associated with the transmission line will impact the curbside area.

**Response:** The Site Plan has been revised to include proposed utility easements associated with the transmission line and the ultimate roadway condition with sidewalks and curbside areas (see Quincy Avenue Detail Sheet and Quincy Avenue Cross Section Sheet). The proposed transmission line and easement does not overlap the Quincy Avenue 144-foot future road right-of-way.

#### **Comment 4: Civil Engineering**

**Comment 4A:** Label Quincy Ave as a major arterial on all sheets (typical).

**Response:** Xcel Energy has revised the Site Plan to label Quincy Avenue as a major arterial on all sheets as requested.

**Comment 4B:** Provide dimension labels of the ROW on this sheet and other previous sheets.

**Response:** Xcel Energy has revised the Site Plan to provide dimension labels on the ROW on all sheets as requested.

#### **Comment 5: Traffic Engineering**

**Comment 5A:** No comments.

**Response:** Noted.

#### **Comment 6: Aurora Water**

**Comment 6A:** What is this dashed blue line representing?

**Response:** The referenced dashed blue line is representing access roads. The Site Plan legend has been revised to identify the dashed blue line.

**Comment 6B:** There is one more raw water line that runs north/south between these two potable water lines.

**Response:** Per the City of Aurora Initial Submission Review Comments (dated June 12, 2024), Aurora Water's comment 7A directed the applicant to contact the Aurora Water GIS department to request a digital file of existing utilities in this area. On June 19, 2024, Xcel Energy's permitting consultant, Tetra Tech, Inc., emailed the Aurora Water GIS department to request this information. On June 24, 2024, Aurora Water GIS provided the requested data along with a message stating "Notice of raw water crossing: The area of interest you provided crosses our raw water delivery system. Special potholing, license agreements, and review may be needed in the entire raw water easement area provided. Please contact the Aurora Water Engineering Department at [waterengineering@auroragov.org](mailto:waterengineering@auroragov.org) (ccd) for more information. To get the

actual location and size of the raw water line please reply with a boring permit or public improvement permit from the City.” All of the data provided by Aurora Water GIS on June 24, 2024, has been included on the Site Plan. Xcel Energy is not required to pursue a boring permit or public improvement permit from the City of Aurora; therefore, Xcel Energy has not submitted either of these permits to Aurora Water to request the location of the raw water line. If deemed necessary by the City of Aurora to show the raw water line on the Site Plan, please provide direction as to how the location of this raw water line can be obtained from Aurora Water without providing evidence of a boring permit or public improvement permit.

**Comment 6C:** It appears this sheet has been duplicated.

**Response:** The Site Plan has been revised to remove the duplicated sheet.

### **Comment 7: Forestry**

**Comment 7A:** No comments.

**Response:** Noted.

### **Comment 8: PROS Department**

**Comment 8A:** No comments.

**Response:** Noted.

### **Comment 9: Land Development Services**

**Comment 9A:** No easements for this project. Items encroaching into city owned property require a license agreement, please note license agreement may not be allowed based on the location. This will need to be reviewed by PROS and water for critical infrastructure.

**Response:** Xcel Energy is coordinating with the City of Aurora for appropriate land rights. Xcel Energy has coordinated with the PROS Department and all comments have been resolved. Xcel Energy is coordinating with Aurora Water to address their comments. Based on the email from Rachid Rabbaa on August 6, 2023, we understand that obtaining any required license agreement may be a condition of approval that must be met prior to construction commencing.