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Subject: Comments from the City of Golden Councilor on CETA communications plan

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Dear CETA directors,

I applaud your efforts to have real and meaningful public engagement for the alignment of new power lines. The communication plan I still feel is a bit too heavy on technology access to include email, web, or other social media. The potential need for mediation between industry and impacted users leads to very different balances of power. I think to truly allow not just received feedback on proposals, but true input that changes alignments (if needed) will demand more one on one engagement and people to people contacts. Either through partnership with existing community organizers, or literally paying for community organizers (and mediators) to engage residents and landowners along proposed alignments may be required. This will cost money which will have to be found somewhere. But I see that engagement as the only way to deal with people who are marginalized for a variety of reasons. Economic, technology, renters versus owners (they don't show up on mailing notice lists), transient population due to seasonal work, etc. It will not be easy, but going with the existing plan that relies too much on normal channels of communications will lead to the expected outcome. Industry will be present at all hearings, but only people who have the time and energy to attend hearings (retirees, wealthy land-owners, maybe elected officials), but not those who often live in floodplains, near industrial corridors, lower income who may be more greatly impacted will not be heard.

Thank you for considering a more challenging, but hopefully fruitful approach to addressing equity issues around alignment of transmission lines.

Sincerely,

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