



## **Teller County Community Development Services**

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**SUBJECT: Planning Review: Re. No Impact Technical Revision (Appendix A-Section 8.B) of Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining (CCV) Permit No. M-1980-244-Mine Development Plan (MDP); American Eagles – TR # 95**

Dear Ms. Burt:

The Teller County Planning Department has completed its review of the Department of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) required Technical Revision (TR-95) for the splay from the existing power line previously called the "Ironclad Power Reroute Project" [which Teller County also provided comments on].

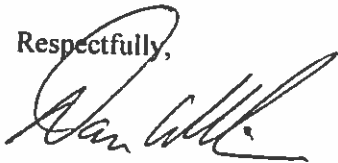
1. Teller County understands that this request pertains to the existing American Eagles Communications Tower, which lies inside the CCMOD and the Permit 11 Boundary, and is used solely for precious metal mining communications pursuant to Appendix A, CCMOD, of the Teller County Land Use Regulations.
2. It is also understood that the current power source for the American Eagles Communication Tower is a combination of solar/battery and a small back up emergency generator. CC&V would like to run electricity to the tower from the recently installed 13.2 kV transmission line approved in TR #88, eliminating the need for batteries, solar panels and a generator. The power line, which will provide power to the American Tower, is an unregulated line, owned by Black Hills Energy (BHE) and is fed from the Cripple Creek substation. The three phase 13.2 kV power line ends at CC&V's Ironclad Facility and therefore no Teller County residents will be impacted by this installation.
3. The 1500-foot transmission line will be supported by 45-foot tall poles, which are below the 50 foot height restriction in the A-1 zone. The line will serve a single 25kV transformer near the base of the tower and will power a 200-amp service at the tower. The power line will stay entirely inside the CCMOD and is planned to parallel existing roads, pits, and overburden stockpiles. Road crossings are designed with a minimum of 60-foot clearance. This clearance will be

accomplished with the 45 foot poles on terrain overlooking the roads placed on upward slopes to achieve the 60 foot desired height.

4. The timeline for construction is currently proposed as:
  - November 1, 2017 – construction of access and pole pads, followed shortly thereafter by pole and line placement
  - Mid December 2017 (weather permitting) – installation , commissioning, and energizing of the transformer
  - End of December 2017 – Final installation of a 200-amp service and tower energizing
5. Teller County has reviewed this proposed project against the guidelines contained in Section 8.A and B of Appendix A of the CCMOD Regulations, and concurs this is No-Impact TR with no impact to Teller County infrastructure or adjacent and adjoining property owners.
6. Finally, as stated in comments provided by Teller County for TR # 88, the Cripple Creek side of the line, which remained in place, will continue to provide power to all other Teller County residents along CR82/821 with no power interruptions anticipated.
7. Teller County has no objections to TR-95 as written and appreciates the opportunity to comment subject to the following conditions:
  - a) The American Eagles Tower remains subject to use that is restricted to communications directly related to precious metal mining within the CCMOD and Permit 11 Boundary only. It may not be used for Commercial antenna or subscribers.
  - b) Any electrical permits must be applied for and obtained prior to installation and energizing the tower.
  - c) No additional lighting is requested or authorized for the splay power line extension, the power poles or the American Eagles Tower itself as part of TR # 95

If you have any questions, please contact me at (719) 686-5414 or email [williamsd@co.teller.co.us](mailto:williamsd@co.teller.co.us).

Respectfully,



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