

Appendix I:
CCPG Stakeholder Process
OCC Comments & Responses
To the PSCo
Pawnee - Daniels Park
Transmission Project

CCPG Comment Form

(For Stakeholder Comments, Requests for Clarification, Reliability Studies, Alternative Evaluation, and other General Feedback)

Provide the information in the yellow boxes. If the information is unavailable or unknown, please indicate.

Requester Information:	
Date:	11/26/2014
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General Information:	
Study or Project Name:	Pawnee-Ft. Lupton Transmission Line Upgrade
New Study or Alternative:	Alternative to Pawnee-Daniels Park
Narrative Description:	Please provide an analysis of upgrading the Pawnee-Ft. Lupton line to 345 kV. This is an alternative to the Pawnee-Daniels Park upgrade that would also allow additional injection at the Pawnee and Missile Site substations and ERZ 1 and 2. This alternative is even more important with Tri-State's request for additional transmission lines from Ft. Lupton to the South Weld area (Proceeding No. 14A-0896E). Tri-State's request indicates a need for more injection into the Ft. Lupton area and also results in substantially more take away capacity. The Pawnee-Ft. Lupton analysis should examine upgrading the existing single-circuit 230 kV line to single-circuit 345 kV line. Cost estimates should assume that existing structures will be used if possible. That is, changes to only the insulators, wire and transformers at each end. If the existing structures have to be replaced because they are old, then a credit needs to be provided because the old structures would need to be replaced without the upgrade.
Study Horizon Date:	The line could be built in the 2019 time frame for Public Service's needs, but could also be considered to be needed as soon as possible given the oil and gas loads indicated by Tri-State and Public Service.
Geographic Footprint Impacted:	The geographic footprint is the transmission corridor from Pawnee to Ft. Lupton.
Load and Resource Modeling:	CCPG is requested to study the new loads indicated by Tri-State. Public Service should also consider how oil and gas loads in its service territory will impact the need for the Pawnee-Ft. Lupton line.
Transmission Modeling	Transmission modeling is requested, including how the Pawnee-Ft. Lupton alternative compares with the Pawnee-Daniels Park alternative. That is, Pawnee-Daniels Park should not be considered a completed or approved project and included in the base case.
Suggested Participants: (TP's, LSE's, Work Groups)	Participants include Public Service and Tri-State.
Policy Issues to be Addressed: (SB100, RES, FERC, NERC, etc)	This option addresses SB100 and RES as well as the need to meet the new oil and gas loads.
Other Factors to be Considered:	Please compare the cost of the Pawnee-Ft. Lupton alternative with the cost of the Pawnee-Daniels Park alternative. The amount of additional injection capacity of each alternative also needs to be determined.
Type (Powerflow or Stability):	Both Powerflow and Stability.

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All study requests received from stakeholders will be reviewed and evaluated to determine the appropriate process for addressing. This planning process does not replace the System Impact Study process. Specific requests for transmission service or generation interconnection will continue to be studied pursuant to existing OATT processes.



January 18, 2015

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Re. CCPG Study Request: Proposed Alternative to Pawnee – Daniels Park

Dear Mr. Neil:

Thank you for your submission of the Colorado Coordinated Planning Group (CCPG) Comment Form, which was received on December 12, 2014. The description indicates that you are interested in an analysis of upgrading the Pawnee – Ft. Lupton line to 345 kV and that this would be an alternative to the Pawnee – Daniels Park Project that is planned by Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo). According to PSCo, an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Pawnee – Daniels Park Project is presently being considered by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) under Proceeding No. 14A-0287E. A Recommended Decision that conditionally granted the CPCN was issued by the Administrative Law Judge on November 25, 2014 (Decision No. R14-1405). However, the PUC has not issued a final decision for the CPCN.

According to the Process for Stakeholder Input, an ad-hoc review group is in the process of being created to evaluate your request. However, since the proposed project is an alternative to a project that is the subject of legal proceedings, we do not feel that it is appropriate for CCPG to take any additional action at this time. Once a decision has been made by the PUC, we will be happy to revisit the issue with you.

Again, thank you for your participation in the CCPG planning forum. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Wes Wingen

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