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**To:** Town Council

**From:** Paul Smith

**Re:** Council – Consider deadline extension of the conditional use permit for the Xcel transmission line rebuild.

**Date:** 8/19/2024

**Purpose:**

On May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, Xcel Energy was approved for a conditional use permit regarding the rebuild of a one mile portion of the Mitchell Creek to Rifle-Ute transmission line (a.k.a. Transmission Line 6584) located in New Castle along the Grand Hogback. The approving resolution TC 2024-14 required the completion of two provisions prior to the issuance of the conditional use certificate. Those provisions are:

- **Resolution condition C:** Demonstration of conformance with the recommendations of the Town engineer and fire department;
- **Resolution condition D:** Submission of a construction management plan (**received August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**);

At present, condition C related to the engineer's recommendations is the only item pending. The certificate, therefore, remains unissued.

Town code allows up to a year for a conditional use certificate to be issued (17.84.040 (E)). Extensions may be granted by Council for good cause, otherwise the application is considered withdrawn. Since Xcel's application lapsed on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, they ask to extend the deadline six months from the original approval date, (**i.e. November 11, 2025**) to sufficiently address condition C. Xcel representatives are prepared to discuss the reasons for the extension and answer any further questions Council may have.

Thank you,

Paul Smith  
Town Planner