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RE: Proposed Cherokee Pipeline

Dear Steve,

These comments relate to the response from PSCo Energy to my original referral letter dated May 31, 2012 regarding the pipeline as it relates to Stuart Middle School located at 19551 E. 101st Way (adjacent to the PSCo easement), Second Creek Elementary located at 9950 Laredo Drive, and the future high school site at 96th Avenue and Reunion Parkway.

1. We requested that PSCo provide the recommended evacuation distance for the worst case scenario of an accidental release or fire on the planned pipeline. ***PSCo provided excellent information in the PAPA Guidelines.***
2. We requested that PSCo Energy provide the same information related to the hazardous materials pipeline as is provided by the Smalley Foundation. We have the following comments to the applicant's response to our request. ***Thank you for the information provided. The recommended evacuation distance of 1,730 feet is adequate for emergency planning. When the school program information is available, please send it to:***

***Nancy Ross
Emergency Response & Crisis Specialist
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3. We indicated that we would have preferred that the pipeline be located farther from Stuart Middle School, but understand the advantage of routing it in the existing easement along 104th Avenue. Further, we recognized that the pipeline has been designed and will be maintained according to current preventive standards. For future hazardous materials facilities siting, we indicated that the District prefers as large a buffer zone from schools as possible. ***PSCo's comment noted is an acceptable response. We have heightened our awareness regarding these pipelines so we can consider impacts as early in the school planning process as possible.***

4. We asked PSCo how much time it would take to shut down and isolate the line if an accidental release or fire is detected on the PSCo pipeline adjacent to Stuart Middle School. ***To PSCo's response, we need additional information. We understand that each situation is different for an accidental release. More specifically, can you tell us what the design timeframe would be for shutting in the section of pipeline that will cross behind Stuart Middle School from the time PSCo begins the shutdown process once PSCo receives notification of a leak or other problem requiring that action?***

5. We asked what the distance from the pipeline to the 27J high school site at 96th and Reunion Parkway if the alternative route along 96th Avenue is selected. ***PSCo's response is acceptable. Though we understood that if the alternate route is selected, the pipeline would be placed in the right of way. We do not know whether the pipeline would be placed in the right-of-way on the north or the south side of 96th Avenue. If the alternate route is selected, we will appreciate receiving a map of that shows the alternative pipeline route in detail in the vicinity of the future school. We will use this information when more detailed planning begins for a school on that property.***

We appreciate the referral on this project. Please let me know if you have any questions, or want to discuss these comments and questions further.

Sincerely,

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Planning Manager
Attachment