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TRANSMISSION TASK FORCE TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT AT MEETING IN BURLINGTON

DENVER – A task force created by the legislature to study electric transmission permitting and siting issues will take public comment at its meeting in Burlington on Wednesday, Sept. 7. The public comment session will be from 5-7 p.m. at the Burlington Community and Education Center, 340 S. 14th St.

The task force, which held its initial meeting Aug. 18 at the Public Utilities Commission, will meet from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. in Burlington, followed by the public comment session. Both sessions are open to the public.

The task force will meet at least four times before issuing a report and recommendations to the governor and the legislature by Dec. 1.

Because electric transmission facilities often traverse multiple jurisdictions, compliance with multiple requirements creates the potential for permitting delays or inconsistent decisions, the legislature noted in adopting Senate Bill 11-045. The task force was directed to consider opportunities to improve existing siting and permitting processes applicable to electric transmission facilities, including the possibility of a single, statewide siting and permitting process for such facilities.

Task force members represent electric utilities and other electric power providers, customers, agricultural interests, landowners, and state and local governments.

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