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Denver Planning Board Comments
RE: Text Amendments to the Zoning Code

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to the Denver Planning Board.

My name is Grace Lopez Ramirez and I serve as the Xcel Energy Senior Area Manager for Local Government and Community Affairs for the City and County of Denver.

Xcel Energy has been building Colorado's energy future and leading the clean energy transition nationwide. We aim to provide clean, safe, and reliable energy for our customers. Our Energy Future Collaborative partnership with Denver includes close collaboration with CASR (Denver's climate office), Community Planning and Development and the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure. This partnership is working to reach Denver's electrification goals of 100% by 2030, plan for adoption of technology innovation, customer savings and to accelerate transportation electrification. These goals will require additional infrastructure in both the right of way and on private property to ensure reliability.

We have been working diligently with CPD staff for the past 10 months to ensure these proposed changes text amendments would aid us in building the necessary infrastructure that will be needed to meet the city's electrification goals and continue to maintain existing infrastructure. With technology changing so rapidly we may need to review these amendments once again at some point in the future but are satisfied that this is a great attempt to make necessary changes to help us reach our mutual goals.

We appreciate the work of CPD staff and their willingness to work through the details with us. Thank you to the planning board for your time and consideration.