Request for Comments

Case Name: Bronco Pipeline Conditional Use Permit Minor Amendment
Case Number: RCU2019-00028

June 7, 2019

The Adams County Planning Commission is requesting comments on the following application: **Minor Amendment to an approved conditional use permit to install a noise abatement wall, silencer banks, and compressor mufflers.** This request is located at 34301 E 38TH AVE. The Assessor's Parcel Number is 0181719401001.

Applicant Information: BRONCO PIPELINE COMPANY
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WATKINS, CO 80137

Please forward any written comments on this application to the Department of Community and Economic Development at 4430 South Adams County Parkway, Suite W2000A Brighton, CO 80601-8216 (720) 523-6800 by 06/27/2019 in order that your comments may be taken into consideration in the review of this case. If you would like your comments included verbatim please send your response by way of e-mail to GJBarnes@adcogov.org.

Once comments have been received and the staff report written, the staff report and notice of public hearing dates will be forwarded to you for your information. The full text of the proposed request and additional colored maps can be obtained by contacting this office or by accessing the Adams County web site at www.adcogov.org/planning/currentcases.

Thank you for your review of this case.

Greg Barnes
Planner III
May 23, 2019

Adams County
Community and Economic Development
4430 South Adams County Parkway
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Re: Conditional Use Permit PRC2014-00002 — Minor Amendment
Pony Station Gas Gathering Facility
Address: 34301 E. 38th Avenue, Watkins, CO 80137
Location: T3S-R64W-Section 19: SE/4 SE/4, 6th P.M.
Adams County, Colorado

To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this letter is to request approval of a minor amendment to Pony Station Gas Gathering Facility ("Pony Station") to install a noise abatement wall, silencer banks and compressor mufflers as shown in the attached drawings.

Background

- Pony Station Gas Gathering Facility was approved by Adams County per Conditional Use Permit PRC2014-00002 ("CUP").
- In 2018 the CUP was amended under case number RCU2018-00010 to add additional compressors to Pony station.
- In the summer of 2018 Bronco received noise complaints from two residents whose homes neighbor Pony Station.
- Bronco has worked comprehensively with neighbors, engineers, and experts in the arena of noise abatement to develop a new facility design that will reduce the levels of noise emitted from the equipment at Pony Station, while at the same time complying with all requirements of the CUP.
- Bronco attended Adams County Conceptual Review PRE219-00051 on May 13, 2019 and received approval to submit proposal as a Minor Amendment to the CUP.

As discussed at the Conceptual Review, we have attached pages 7 and 8 of the Pony Station Noise Mitigation Assessment completed February 7, 2019, which estimates that sound levels at location of the
surrounding residences may be reduced 8.4 to 10.6 dBA and 7.3 to 8.4 dBC, if the following three measures are implemented:

1.) **Construction of Noise Abatement Walls.** When Pony Station was originally constructed a 180' long, 20' high noise abatement wall was installed in the southwest corner of the facility. The original noise abatement wall will be extended along the entire western side of the facility, and well enclose the facility on much of the northern side. The new noise abatement wall will be installed at a height of 25' to provide the most effective sound mitigation for residences located at a higher elevation and will add, an additional 405 linear feet to existing 180'. The noise abatement walls will be designed to meet all applicable building codes. The walls will be painted to match the color of the existing noise abatement wall and will accommodate the landscaping at the site.

2.) **Installation of Ducted Silencer Banks.** A ducted silencer bank is a piece of equipment that will be attach to the 3 western most compressors and to the noise abatement wall. Ducted silencers serve the purpose of mitigating much of the noise that is produced by the fans that cool the compressors. The ducted silencers will be designed to meet all applicable building codes and will be painted to match the color of the existing noise abatement walls.

3.) **Installation of Compressor Mufflers.** A compressor muffler is a piece of equipment, that serves to reduce the noise emitted from the exhaust of the compressor engine. All compressors at Pony Station are currently equipped with compressor mufflers, but to further reduce noise levels, existing mufflers have been replaced with upgraded models. As part of the existing equipment a permit to upgrade was not required.

Pony Station is currently in compliance with prescribed noise limits of the CUP, but as a prudent operator we have chosen to talk the landowner and County concerns. Through retro-fitting Pony Station with the above 3 items we hope to achieve the reduction in noise levels mentioned above.

We are requesting an expedited review and approval of this proposal so that these changes may be implemented at the earliest opportunity. The landowners that we received the complaints from have communicated that they would like the noise issue to be addressed as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]
David A. Greer

attachments
Pony Station Fenced Area

Proposed 25’ high, 405’ long Noise Abatement Wall

Existing 20’ high 180’ long Noise Abatement Wall

Legend
- Compressor
- Ducted Silencer Banks
- Compressor Mufflers

Imboden Road

East 38th Avenue