

August 9, 2023

William Gray
City Planner
Planning and Community Development Land Use Review Division
30 South Nevada, Suite 701
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901-1575

RE: DEPN-23-0157

Dear Mr. Gray,

We respectfully request you deny approval of the proposed Major Modification of the Wilson Tank Replacement project (Record number DEPN-23-0157).

The new tank, as-built, is significantly taller than what was shown in the 6/2022 approved plans. Our property value, curb appeal and overall neighborhood quality have been negatively impacted by the decision to build a tank of this height in the Waldo Canyon burn scar. At over 60 feet, it cannot blend into the surrounding environment no matter what color or enhanced landscaping is planned. Colorado Springs Utilities and their sub-contractors misled the neighborhood about the height of the tank. We consider this to be highly deceptive and an egregious abuse of their and the cities' power. It is not appropriate to continue construction of a project that is so significantly damaging to adjacent property owners home values while disregarding the conditions of approval agreed upon in the final decision letter, dated June 1, 2022 and the adopted unified development code (UDC).

Sincerely,

Eugene and Jacqueline Gunn
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Colorado Springs, Colorado 80919