

Thornton's written rebuttal submitted today cites my recent concerns regarding their apparent non-compliance with Colorado Revised Statutes, Title 37, Article 86, Rights-of-Way and Ditches (§ 37-86-102, 103, 105, 106), claiming, "***Larimer County's 1041 criteria for the siting and design of a pipeline project do not address the applicability of these statutes to a project subject to a 1041 permit. ...whether these statutes are applicable or not, they should not be considered under this 1041 process***".

Thornton directs the Commissioners to put on blinders and ignore issues of non-compliance with CO Statutes in determining if their latest proposal is a **reasonable** alternative.

**Thornton expects the Commissioners to assume a tremendous liability in directing them to ignore the hierarchy of laws and the CO statutes that protect the citizens of Larimer County.**