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Ms. Tanowa Troupe  
Secretary, Office of Administration  
Ohio Power Siting Board  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: *In the Matter of the Constructive Notice Application of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for Adjustments to the West-Central NCHP Pipeline Project*  
**OPSB Case No. 25-0774-GA-BNR**

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia") submits this Construction Notice, pursuant to Adm.Code 4906-6-03(B) and 4906-6-05, concerning slight modifications (the "Adjustments") along the proposed pipeline relocation that were previously approved by the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB") known as the West-Central NCHP Pipeline Project (the "Project") in Case No. 24-0667-GA-BLN, with adjustments to the Project approved in Case No. 25-0345-GA-BNR and Case No. 25-0606-GA-BNR.

Therefore, as required by Adm.Code 4906-6-05, please be advised of the following Adjustments with this Construction Notice focusing on only the areas that changed from the previously approved route:

**(1) Provide the name of the project and applicant's reference number, a brief description of the project, and why the project meets the requirements for a letter of notification or construction notice application.**

In Case 24-0667-GA-BLN, the OPSB approved Columbia's Letter of Notification to construct the Project. In both Case Nos. 25-0345-GA-BNR and 25-0606-GA-BNR, the OPSB approved adjustments to the Project. The Project is generally located in the City of Upper Arlington. The Project, once completed in 2026, will be approximately 12,250 feet (2.3 miles) of 20-inch diameter high pressure gas transmission class pipeline.

This Construction Notice requests Adjustments to the Project route that total less than one mile and does not constitute any change to the previously planned workspaces or change in construction installation methods. The adjustments are as follows:

No.	Station Location	Description of Change	A.S. #	Reason for Change
1	53+50 to 54+50	20" gas main (northmost) within Northam Road was shifted a maximum of 13 feet for 100 feet to remain consistently parallel with adjacent proposed main	L-2012	This change will avoid buried traffic loops, eliminate multiple fittings and will allow for a more efficient installation.
2	59+15 to Columbia Facility	20" gas main exiting the proposed COH facility has shifted approximately 3 feet for 55 feet	L-2011	Structural/foundational updates to the proposed structure necessitate a relation of the outlet gas main
3	28+00 to 29+00	Mainline was shifted north 5 feet over 70 feet within Ridgeview Rd	L-2014	Mainline was shifted north to allow for safer future maintenance of proposed mainline valve, Inlet bridle was adjusted to account for the required storm drain line to be added at adjacent Columbia Facility
4	30+00 to existing	Integrating the final mainline tie into this portion of the pipeline will complete the work at the intersection of N Star Rd and Ridgeview Rd within Upper Arlington	L-2014	To install a final tie in with the 2025 NCHP (West Central) main
5	n/a	44 feet of 20" gas main is being removed from scope within Brandon Road	L-2007	The inclusion of additional installation northwards along Northwest Blvd (pending 2025 LON) allows this pipeline to be eliminated.

- **Adjustments:** The Adjustments include the following gas main design updates described herein:

Adjustment 1: The alignment (as shown on L-2012) on the "20" TREMONT TO BRANDON ALIGNMENT" has been updated from station 53+50 to 54+50 to avoid the buried traffic loops and eliminate multiple fittings and more closely align with adjacent planned gas main.

Adjustment 2: The alignment (as shown on L-2011) on the "20" TREMONT TO BRANDON ALIGNMENT" has been updated from station 59+00 to within Columbia property to accommodate the structural/foundation requirements of the proposed structure.

Adjustment 3: The existing 16-inch bridle (as shown on L-2014) within the "20" BRANDON TO RIDGEVIEW ALIGNMENT" that serves the proposed Columbia station

has been updated to account for buried infrastructure that will conflict with the proposed gas main alignment as well as a mainline shift to the north. This shift of mainline will move the mainline valve closer to the edge of the road and allow for a safer means to operate the valve and less impactful interruption to traffic at these times. This may be seen at station 28+00.

Adjustment 4: Per OPSB Case No. 25-0606-GA-BNR Columbia amended the West Central alignment to allow for a 2025 tie-in at the N Star Road and Ridgeview Road intersection. At the completion of this adjustment the tie-in will be replaced with a final (and piggable via an in line inspection tool) tie-in as shown at station 30+00 within sheet L-2014 along the “20” BRANDON TO RIDGEVIEW ALIGNMENT”.

Adjustment 5: The previously proposed 20-inch gas main exiting the proposed Columbia facility and tying into the existing NCHP gas main is no longer required. All existing NCHP main in the proximity of the Brandon Road Station will be retired upon completion of the planned 2026 work.

The areas highlighted on **Attachments A and B**, called out as “Adjustments,” are the impacted areas that have changed from the previous Project approval.

**(2) If the proposed project is a gas pipeline, the applicant provide a statement explaining the need for the proposed facility.**

The Adjustments will allow Columbia to place in-service for customers the second portion of new pipe installed as part of the Project while aligning with the work required under other portions of the larger “NCHP Program” as well as avoid conflicts with the foundation of the proposed building within Columbia property.

**(3) Provide the location of the project in relation to existing or proposed lines shown on an area system map of sufficient scale and size to show existing and proposed transmission facilities in the project area.**

The map shown in **Attachment A: Overview Map** illustrates the location of the Project in relation to existing transmission facilities in the Project area. The new pipeline is shown in red and the workspace for constructing the new pipeline is a black-dashed line. The existing NCHP pipeline that will be replaced is the green line.

**Attachment A** also highlights the Adjustments along the proposed pipeline route (see revision clouds).

**(4) Describe the alternatives considered and reasons why the proposed location or route is best suited for the proposed facility, including, but not be limited to, impacts associated with socioeconomic, ecological, construction, or engineering aspects of the project.**

The Adjustment at North Star and Ridgeview is similar in design to the originally planned alignment submitted with the LON. These updates are a result of the LON's full construction/commissioning being split over 2025 and 2026. No additional alternates for the tie in/intersection crossing were viable.

Columbia notes that the alignment shifts are still within the originally investigated workspaces for the Project and do not change any of the previously provided environmental reports. Please see **Attachments A** and **B** for the map(s) showing the Adjustments within the originally approved corridor.

**(5) Describe its public information program to inform affected property owners and residents of the nature of the project and the proposed timeframe for project construction and restoration activities.**

Columbia will continue to utilize the same public information campaign as originally explained in Case No. 24-0667-GA-BLN. No additional public information efforts are planned given the minor nature of the Adjustments.

**(6) Provide an anticipated construction schedule and proposed in-service date of the project.**

The Adjustments are expected to be in-service on or about December 31, 2026.

**(7) Provide a map of at least 1:24,000 scale clearly depicting the facility and proposed limits of disturbance with clearly marked streets, roads, and highways, and an aerial image**

Please see the map attached as **Attachment A**.

**Attachment B** is comprised of the pipeline alignment drawings and the pipeline workspace drawings that contain area maps at a 1"= 40' scale. The maps and drawings depict the Project centerline, workspaces, and major street crossings. The Project centerline is shown as a dashed red line, and workspaces are shown as cyan-hatched areas bounded by dashed black lines for workspace within public right-of-way; grey-hatched areas bounded by dashed blue lines for permanent

easement within private parcels; and pink-hatched areas bounded by dashed black lines for temporary easement within private parcels. Roads, streets, and other crossings are clearly labeled throughout.

**(8) Provide a list of properties for which the applicant has obtained easements, options, and/or land use agreements necessary to construct and operate the facility and a list of the additional properties for which such agreements have not been obtained.**

Please see the list of property owners for the Adjustments are included as **Attachment D**. There are no additional parcels or easements needed for the Adjustments as the Adjustments are within the existing workspace.

**(9) Describe the following information regarding the technical features of the project.**

**(a) Operating characteristics, estimated number and types of structures required, and right-of-way and/or land requirements.**

The Adjustments will, like the rest of the Project, be tested such that it will have an MAOP of 190 pounds per square inch gauge (PSIG). Columbia will be installing 20-inch mainline piping that is coated steel with a wall thickness of 0.375.

Please see **Attachment D** for a list of property rights acquired for the Project. The location of the workspaces, easements, and right-of-way are also shown in the drawing included in **Attachment B**.

**(b) For electric power transmission lines that are within one hundred feet of an occupied residence or institution, the production of electric and magnetic fields during the operation of the proposed electric power transmission line, describe:**

**(i) Calculated electric and magnetic field strength levels at one meter above ground under the lowest conductors and at the edge of the right-of-way for:**

**(a) Normal maximum loading,**

**(b) Emergency line loading,**

**(c) Winter normal conductor rating.**

**(ii) The applicant's consideration of design alternatives with respect to electric and magnetic fields and their strength levels, including alternate conductor configuration and phasing, tower height, corridor location, and right-of-way width.**

Not applicable to this Project.

**(c) The estimated cost of the project.**

The Adjustments do not cause a material increase to the Project estimated cost.

**(10) The applicant shall describe the social and ecological impacts of the project. Examples of relevant information include.**

**(a) Provide a brief, general description of land use within the vicinity of the proposed project, including a list of municipalities, townships, and counties affected.**

The Adjustments are located within the City of Upper Arlington, Franklin County, Ohio. The current land use surrounding the Adjustments are primarily comprised of residential properties as well as public land (The Ohio State University Campus).

**(b) Provide the acreage and a general description of all agricultural land, and separately all agricultural district land, existing at least sixty days prior to submission of the application within the potential disturbance area of the project.**

No Agricultural District Land parcels are impacted by the Adjustments.

**(c) Provide a description of the applicant's investigation concerning the presence or absence of significant archeological or cultural resources that may be located within the potential disturbance area of the project, a statement of the findings of the investigation, and a copy of any document produced as a result of the investigation.**

Columbia conducted a cultural resource desktop review and assessment for the entire Project. The Adjustments in the alignment for this temporary tie in were covered within the original surveys covering the workspace originally surveyed for the entire route, and does not cause any new archaeological or cultural resources impacts as compared to the original Project approval.

A copy of the Cultural Report and correspondence with the State Historic Preservation Office ("SHPO") is included in **Attachment F**.

**(d) Provide a list of the local, state, and federal governmental agencies known**

**to have requirements that must be met in connection with the construction of the project, and a list of documents that have been or are being filed with those agencies in connection with siting and constructing the project.**

The following public officials and offices will be notified of the Construction Notice pursuant to Adm.Code 4906-6-07(A)(1):

City of Upper Arlington	
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City of Upper Arlington Council President / Mayor	City of Upper Arlington City Clerk
3600 Tremont Rd	3600 Tremont Rd
Upper Arlington, OH 43221	Upper Arlington, OH 43221
614-583-5040	614-583-5040
Steven Schoeny	Aaron Scott
City of Upper Arlington City Manager	City of Upper Arlington Engineering Division
3600 Tremont Rd	4100 Roberts Rd
Upper Arlington, OH 43221	Upper Arlington, OH 43221
614-583-5040	614-583-5351

Franklin County	
John O'Grady	Kevin L. Boyce
Franklin County Commissioner	Franklin County Commissioner
President	373 S. High Street
373 S. High Street	Columbus, Ohio 43215
Columbus, Ohio 43215	
Erica C. Crawley	Kenneth N. Wilson
Franklin County Commissioner	Franklin County Administrator
373 S. High Street	373 S. High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215	Columbus, Ohio 43215
Jennifer Fish	Adam W. Fowler, P.E., P.S.
Franklin County Soil and Water	Franklin County Engineer
1404 Goodale Boulevard, Suite 100	970 Dublin Road
Columbus, Ohio 43212	Columbus, Ohio 43215

In addition to submitting this Construction Notice to the OPSB, the overall Project is subject to the following federal, state, and local agency reviews and authorizations to be received prior to construction beginning:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Nationwide Permit 12 Evaluation;
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) State Threatened and Endangered Species Consultation;
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) Section 402 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction Stormwater Permit and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) requirements;
- City of Columbus Department of Public Service ROW Excavation Permit;
- CSX Right of Entry Permit;
- CSX Utility Permit; and
- Ohio Department of Transportation Right-of-Way and Utility Permit;

Columbia also submitted to the City of Upper Arlington a Maintenance of Traffic Plan, which is included as **Attachment G**.

**(e) Provide a description of the applicant's investigation concerning the presence or absence of federal and state designated species (including endangered species, threatened species, rare species, species proposed for listing, species under review for listing, and species of special interest) that may be located within the potential disturbance area of the project, a statement of the findings of the investigation, and a copy of any document produced as a result of the investigation.**

The Adjustments do not present any new potential impacts to federal and state designated species. The original applicable correspondence and documentation, as continue to be applicable to the Adjustments, are attached as **Attachment E**.

**(f) Provide a description of the applicant's investigation concerning the presence or absence of areas of ecological concern (including national and state forests and parks, floodplains, wetlands, designated or proposed wilderness areas, national and state wild and scenic rivers, wildlife areas, wildlife refuges, wildlife management areas, and wildlife sanctuaries) that may be located within the potential disturbance area of the project, a statement of the findings of the investigation, and a copy of any document produced as a result of the investigation.**



Columbia conducted an environmental review of the Project area for the entire route. The surveyed area for the original environmental study is not impacted by the minor alignment shifts in the Adjustments since the workspace does not change for the slight alignment modifications. Columbia does not anticipate any different ecological impacts caused by the Adjustments, and has attached **Attachment C**, which is the full Wetland Delineation Report.

**(g) Provide any known additional information that will describe any unusual conditions resulting in significant environmental, social, health, or safety impacts.**

To the best of Columbia's knowledge, no unusual conditions exist that would result in significant environmental, social, health, or safety impacts.

Should Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board desire further information or discussion of this application, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at the information listed above.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Melissa L. Thompson*