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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 Application of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Woodward Park NCHP Pipeline Project.*

**OPSB Case No. 25-0838-GA-BTX**

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Pursuant to Adm.Code 4906-3-03(A), Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia") submits this pre-application notification letter to the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). Columbia intends to file a Certificate application, pursuant to R.C. 4906.04 and Adm.Code Chapter 4906-3 and 4906-4, concerning the Woodward Park North Columbus High Pressure (NCHP) System Pipeline Project (the "Project").

Pursuant to Adm.Code 4906-3-03(A), Columbia states as follows:

**(1) A basic description of the project that shall include information about the anticipated function, equipment size, approximate acreage, general location, schedule, and purpose of the project.**

The Project involves replacing an existing natural gas transmission line in the Woodward Park area by installing approximately 5.3 miles of 20-inch diameter steel natural gas pipeline to support the central Ohio system. As currently planned, the Project runs along Postlewaite Road, Bethel Road, Rathborne Avenue, Morse Road and Karl Road in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. The Project will impact approximately 40 acres. If approved, construction is anticipated to start in January 2027 and end by December 2027.

The purpose of the Project is to continue reliably serving the central Ohio region, improve safety, and further Columbia's efforts to meet mandates of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's ("PHMSA") rule changes in 49 C.F.R. 191 and 192, commonly referred to as the "PHMSA Mega Rule." Moreover, replacing the existing pipeline increases the reliability of a critical piece of Columbia's service to the Columbus area through the NCHP system, as well as provides safety benefits. The safety benefits include, but are not limited to, a lower ratio of operating stress to yield strength of the pipeline material and updated pipeline records.

**(2) The date, time, and location of the public informational meetings to be held pursuant to paragraph (B) of this rule.**

The first public informational meeting will take place on October 1, 2025 from 4:30 pm - 6 pm at the Clintonville Women's Club located at 3951 N High St, Columbus, Ohio 43214

**(3) A list of any waivers of the board's rules that the applicant anticipates it will be requesting for the project.**

None.

**(4) Confirmation that the applicant has prominently posted the information described in this paragraph on its website prior to filing the preapplication notification letter.**

Columbia posted the information contained in this letter on its website prior to filing this letter.

Please let us know if you have any remaining questions.

Sincerely,

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