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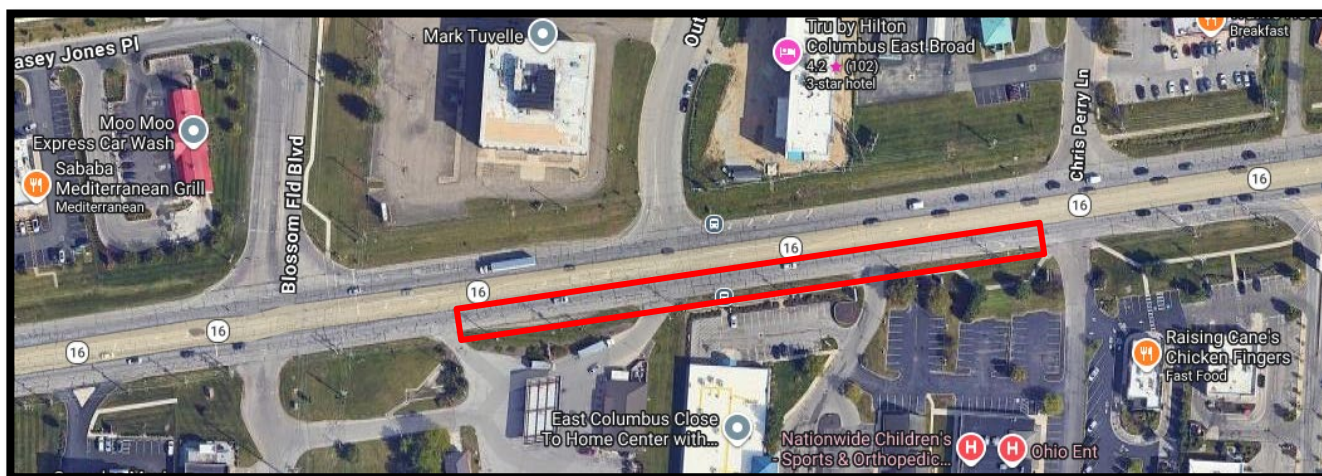
Ms. Tanowa Troupe
Secretary, Office of Administration
Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: *In the Matter of the Construction Notice Application by Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the East Broad Street Pipeline Replacement Project.*
OPSB Case No. 26-0452-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 the East Broad Street Pipeline Replacement Project (the "Project"). The Project involves the replacement and installation of 671 feet of 12-inch coated steel pipeline with a Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure ("MAOP") of 160 psig.

Figure 1: East Broad Street Pipeline Replacement Project (for illustrative purposes only)



As required by Adm.Code 4906-6-05, please be advised of the following:

(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 construction notice application.

The name of the pipeline replacement project discussed in this application is the East Broad Street Pipeline Replacement Project (“Project”). This Project is necessary because the City of Columbus is undertaking a roadway improvement project along East Broad Street in Columbus (the “City of Columbus Improvement Project” or “Improvement Project”) and portions of the City of Columbus Improvement Project are in conflict with existing Columbia facilities.¹ Namely, Columbia has mainline within the footprint of the City of Columbus Improvement Project that conflicts with proposed location of the new storm drain in the roadway. Due to the location of the mainline, the City has required Columbia to relocate its pipe to eliminate the conflict with the storm drain and roadway. The City of Columbus’ work on the Improvement Project is currently underway in the areas not impacted by Columbia’s pipeline relocation. Columbia is coordinating with the City of Columbus on its Project schedule and meets with the City of Columbus on a bi-weekly basis to share updates on the Project and Project timeline. Columbia is currently expecting the Project to be completed in October 2026, allowing the City of Columbus to complete its work in the Project area following the completion of Columbia’s work.

Columbia seeks to retire in place approximately 640 feet of 8-inch coated steel main and then relocate a portion of the mainline, as depicted in **Attachment A**, installing 671 feet of 12-inch coated steel main. Columbia plans to utilize an open cut installation methodology to construct the Project, the location of which is shown on **Attachment A**; however, the installation methodology is subject to change as the actual variability in worksite conditions and underground constraints may inform the necessity for a change in methodology. The Project route, currently shown to be the red dashed line in **Attachment A**, may be shifted within the Limits of Disturbance (“LOD”) identified by the dotted black lines in **Attachment A**. The existing pipelines will be retired and abandoned in place.

The Project meets the requirements of a Construction Notice because Columbia is proposing to relocate a segment of a gas pipeline that is not greater than one mile in length.²

¹ FRA-SR16-08.24 Improvements of E. Broad Street Project:
<https://engage.columbus.gov/eastbroadstreetphase1>

² See Appendix B of Adm.Code 4906-1-01.

The new 12-inch mainline will be constructed entirely within the City of Columbus public right-of-way.

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

The Existing Pipeline provides natural gas supply to downstream customers throughout the City of Columbus and surrounding area. To resolve the conflicts with the City of Columbus Improvement Project, the Existing Pipeline must be relocated, rather than replaced or abandoned, to maintain reliable service to the surrounding area. Simply replacing the mainline in the same location would not resolve the conflict with the City's Improvement Project and abandoning the line would cause a large-scale downstream service outage to customers that cannot easily be served without the benefit of the mainline at issue.

(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 distribution facilities in the project area.

The map shown in **Attachment A** illustrates the location of the Project in relation to existing distribution facilities in the Project area. The existing distribution pipeline that will be replaced is the green-dashed line while the existing distribution pipeline that will not be replaced is shown in cyan. The new pipeline, the proposed Project Route, is depicted by the red-dashed line and the limits of disturbance ("LOD") is a black-dashed box. The Project Route may be shifted within LOD identified in **Attachment A** and in conformance with any/all permitting restrictions imposed by the City of Columbus (or relevance municipality).

(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.

Based on the location of the current pipe that needs to be relocated and the location of existing underground utilities, Columbia did not consider any alternatives to the proposed location. The proposed Project Route was selected because it minimizes material negative implications on the socioeconomic, ecological, construction and engineering aspects of the Project. First, the proposed route minimizes the scope of replacement to the specific sections deemed to be in conflict with the City of Columbus

Public Improvement Project, achieving minimum clearance requirements per City of Columbus standards. Second, the location of the proposed route takes into consideration the current pipeline route, location of existing gas distribution facilities where services must be maintained, the density of below-grade utilities, impact to the public, and environmental features. Finally, the proposed route minimizes disruption to the environment and the commercial/business district.

(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 provide the notices required under the Ohio Revised and Administrative Codes, namely a copy of this Construction Notification (with attachments) will be posted in libraries, and notices will be sent to public officials. In addition to the required notifications, Columbia will provide the impacted property owners with a point of contact at Columbia to talk with regarding any questions or concerns, and other outreach will occur to surrounding businesses and customers as needed to provide them with updates and other pertinent Project information. The Project will take approximately two months. Restoration activities will occur throughout the Project timeline as construction activities are complete, with Columbia's Planned restoration expected to be completed by the end of October 2026.

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

Construction is anticipated to begin on or about August 10, 2026 and the in-service date of the Project is expected to be on or about October 9, 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

The pipeline alignment drawings and the pipeline workspace drawings of the Project area at a 1"= 30' scale can be found in **Attachment A**. **Attachment A** shows roads, streets, highways, and other crossings throughout the Project area. The Project Route, currently shown to be the red line, may be shifted within the Limits of Disturbance ("LOD") identified in **Attachment A** and in conformance with any/all permitting restrictions imposed by the City of Columbus (or relevance municipality).

(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.

The location of the Project is solely within public right-of-way as shown in Attachment A. There is no known additional workspace within private property.

(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 Project will be tested such that it will have an MAOP of 160 pounds per square inch gauge (PSIG). Columbia will be installing 12-inch mainline piping that is coated steel with a wall thickness of 0.375 inches.

The location of the workspaces and right-of-way along the Project route are also shown in the drawing included in **Attachment A**. The entirety of the Project will take place within the public right-of-way.

(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.

Subsection (b) is not applicable to this Application as the Project does not involve an electric power transmission line.

(c) The estimated cost of the project.

This Project is estimated to cost \$420,000.

(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 Project is located within the City of Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. The current land use of the Project is primarily comprised of residential and commercial properties.

(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.

The Project, located within the City of Columbus, is neither within an agricultural district, nor any other type of agricultural land.

(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 area and coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office ("SHPO"). SHPO reviewed the assessment and concluded that the Project's scope will not impact any archaeological or cultural resources.

A copy of the Cultural Report and correspondence with SHPO is included in **Attachment D**.

(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.

In addition to submitting this Construction Notice to the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"), the Project is subject to the following federal, state, and local agency reviews and authorizations prior to construction beginning:

- Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) State Threatened and Endangered Species Consultation;

- City of Columbus Department of Public Service ROW Excavation Permit;

Columbia will obtain the necessary road permits to construct the Project within the public right-of-way. The disturbance for the Project is estimated to be less than one acre, therefore no SWP3 or MS4 review is required. Columbia is not required to obtain any other permits (e.g., floodplain, wetlands, etc.) associated with the Project.

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

| Franklin County | |
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| Kevin L. Boyce | John O'Grady |
| Franklin County Commissioner | Franklin County Commissioner |
| President | 373 S. High Street |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |

| City of Columbus | |
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| Hon. Andrew Ginther | Shannon G. Hardin |
| City of Columbus Mayor | City of Columbus Council President |
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| Nancy Day-Achauer | Nicholas Bankston |
| Councilmember | Councilmember |

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| Lourdes Barroso de Padilla | Rob Dorans |
| Councilmember | President Pro Tem |
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| Tiara Ross | Emmanuel V. Remy |
| Councilmember | Councilmember |
| 90 W. Broad Street | 90 W. Broad Street |
| Columbus, Ohio 43215 | Columbus, Ohio 43215 |
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| Melissa Green | Christopher L. Wyche |
| Councilmember | Councilmember |
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| Scott Messer | Kelly Scocco |
| City of Columbus Director | City of Columbus Director |
| Department of Building and Zoning Services | Department of Public Service |
| 111 N. Front Street | 111 N. Front Street |
| Columbus, Ohio 43215 | Columbus, Ohio 43215 |

Columbia also submitted to the City of Columbus a Maintenance of Traffic Plan, which is included as **Attachment E**.

(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.

Columbia coordinated with both U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as well as Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Both agencies concluded that there will be no

expected impact on any federal or state-listed species. The applicable correspondence and documentation are attached as **Attachment C**. The Project does not present any new or potential impacts to federal and state designated species due to a lack of habitat.

(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 survey of the Project area. The survey found no streams, wetlands, or trees present in the Project's area. Due to the lack of natural resources present on site, Columbia does not anticipate any ecological impacts caused by the Project, and has attached **Attachment B**, 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.

Please let us know if you have any remaining questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Melissa L. Thompson

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