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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 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. 26-0932-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 route 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 Nos. 25-0345-GA-BNR, 25-0606-GA-BNR, 25-0809-GA-BLN, 25-0774-GA-BNR, and 26-0393-GA-BNR.

Columbia also requests, pursuant to Adm.Code 4906-6-03(B) and 4906-6-04, expedited treatment of this Construction Notice for good cause. Good cause exists to grant expedited treatment because Project construction commenced in January 2026 and construction of the portion of the Project impacted by the Adjustments is scheduled to occur on or about October 12, 2026, as the Adjustments will allow Columbia to place the Project in-service in 2026 as planned. Additionally, Columbia just recently learned of limitations that impact the Management of Traffic Plan, which further drive the need for expedited resolution of this matter.

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 No. 24-0667-GA-BLN, the OPSB approved Columbia's Letter of Notification to construct the Project. In Case Nos. 25-0345-GA-BNR, 25-0606-GA-BNR, 25-0809-GA-BLN, 25-0774-GA-BNR, and 26-0393-GA-BNR, the OPSB approved adjustments to the Project (combined "Previous Commission Approvals"). The Project is generally located in the City of Upper Arlington. With the Adjustments, the total length of the Project is increasing by 28 feet. The Project, once completed in 2027, will be approximately 17,593 feet (3.3 miles) in length and consist of 20-inch diameter high pressure gas transmission class pipeline.

The Adjustments to the Project route, which are less than one mile in length, do not change the previously planned workspaces or construction installation methods approved in the Previous Commission Approvals. The adjusted tie-ins will be phased, occurring in 2026 and 2027. This allows for the majority of Project to be placed in service in 2026 via a temporary tie-in. Once the permanent tie-in is completed in 2027, the 2026 temporary tie-in will be abandoned. The Adjustments are as follows:

Adjustment 1 (2026 Construction): Installation of a temporary gas main tie-in, as shown on **Attachment B** (page L-2014A) east of station 29+00. This will allow for the majority of the Project to be placed in service in 2026 so that gas may commence flowing through the Project as well as the Upper Arlington NCHP Pipeline Project approved in Case No. 25-0890-GA-BLN. This Adjustment will temporarily bypass approximately 183 feet of pipe from the Project in 2026, which will then be used as part of the permanent fix in 2027 via Adjustment 2.

Adjustment 2 (2027 Construction): To remove the temporary gas main tie-in included in Adjustment 1 and install a permanent gas main tie-in east of Station 30+31. Additionally, the alignment of the permanent tie-in location, as shown on **Attachment B** (page L-2014 east of station 30+31 will shift north by 28 feet to ensure stopples can be placed at a reasonable depth to allow for better construction safety. Adjustment 1 will be abandoned in place once 2027 construction is complete and in service.

The areas highlighted in yellow on **Attachment B**, labeled "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.

In addition to the rationale provided in Case No. 24-0667-GA-BLN, the Adjustments will allow for the majority of the Project to be placed in service in 2026. This will allow gas to flow through the West-Central NCHP Pipeline Project as well as the Upper Arlington NCHP Pipeline Project approved in Case No. 25-0890-GA-BLN.

The originally approved plan required traffic closures on N. Star Ave. ("North Star"), which included rerouting traffic to Northwest Blvd. Through coordination with the City of Upper Arlington on the Management of Traffic plan, Columbia recently learned that Northwest Blvd. could not serve as the alternate traffic route during the planned construction on North Star because the City of Upper Arlington will be completing a pavement improvement project on Northwest Blvd. at that same time. Stated differently, the pavement improvement project on Northwest Blvd. conflicts with the timing of planned road closures on North Star to allow for the construction of the permanent tie-in on North Star.

Accordingly, Columbia is proposing to install a temporary tie-in to a small portion of the existing pipeline (Adjustment 1). This will allow for the majority of the West-Central NCHP Pipeline Project and Upper Arlington NCHP Pipeline Project to be placed in service before the end of 2026 as planned. In order to minimize disruption for the local community, Columbia intends to return at some point in 2027 to install the permanent tie-in in coordination with the City of Upper Arlington. The permanent tie-in will be shifted 28-feet to the north from the original approved route (Adjustment 2) to account for as-built conditions. Specifically, as currently designed under the existing alignment, a stopple would need to be installed on a field bend. Because stopples cannot be installed on field bends, the shift in alignment will allow for the stopples to be installed on straight pipe at a depth of 5 feet instead of 10 feet. Installing at a shallower depth will also allow for a shallower excavation and increased safety during construction.

(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** (Page O-2001) illustrates the location of the Project in relation to existing transmission facilities in the Project

area. The new pipeline approved in the Previous Commission Approvals is shown in red, and the existing pipeline that will be replaced is the yellow dashed line.

Attachment A also highlights the Adjustments along the proposed pipeline route with the high-level overview shown in a black revision cloud labeled “CN 3 Adjustments” on Page O-2001, with further detail of the temporary and permanent solutions following on **Attachment B** (pages L-2014A and L-2014, respectively).

(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 Adjustments on Ridgeview Road and North Star Avenue are necessary to place the majority of the Project in service in 2026, and to permanently tie-in the pipeline in 2027. No additional alternatives for this alignment 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 **Attachment B** for the map(s) showing the Adjustments within the originally approved corridor, which are shaded in cyan.

(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, for Adjustment 1 and December 31, 2027, for Adjustment 2.

(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 **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. 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 **Attachment D** for a list of property rights acquired for the Project. There are no additional parcels or easements needed for the Adjustments as the Adjustments are within the existing workspace/established easements.

(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 a maximum allowable operating pressure ("MAOP") of 190 pounds per square inch gauge ("PSIG"). Columbia will install 20-inch mainline pipe 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 and the right-of-way along the Project route for the Adjustments 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 estimated Project 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 is primarily comprised of residential 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.

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 were covered within the original surveys covering the workspace originally surveyed for the entire route. The Adjustments do not cause any new archaeological or cultural resources impacts.

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):

Franklin County	
John O'Grady	Kevin L. Boyce
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
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Jennifer Fish	Adam W. Fowler, P.E., P.S.
Franklin County Soil and Water	Franklin County Engineer
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Ben Tracy	Krystal Grove
City of Upper Arlington Council	City of Upper Arlington City Clerk
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Upper Arlington, OH 43221	Upper Arlington, OH 43221
614-583-5030	614-583-5030
Lisa Keller	Steven Schoeny
City of Upper Arlington Clerk of Courts	City of Upper Arlington City Manager
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614-583-5060	614-583-5040
Chad Gibson	Aaron Scott
City of Upper Arlington Community Development	City of Upper Arlington Engineering Division
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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, which Columbia has previously received:

- 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.

No new or additional permits are required for the Adjustments beyond the permits previously secured for the Project.

Columbia also submitted to the City of Upper Arlington a Maintenance of Traffic Plan, which is included as **Attachment G**. The Management of Traffic Plan will not change – the portion related to North Star will be delayed until 2027.

(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 correspondence and documentation from ODNR continue to be applicable to the Adjustments, and 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. Columbia does not anticipate any new or different ecological impacts resulting from the Adjustments, and has attached the full Wetland Delineation Report as **Attachment C**.

(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 Construction Notice, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at the information listed above.

Respectfully submitted,

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