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**Staff Investigation Report and Recommendation**

Case No.: 09-261-GA-BNR  
Project: Hilliard Rome Road – Phase II Relocation Project  
Applicant: Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.  
Report Date: April 28, 2009

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Automatic Approval Date: May 6, 2009

Waiver Requests: None  
Inspection Date(s): April 22, 2009  
Staff Assigned: J. Pawley

**Summary of Staff Recommendations (see report text for discussion):**

Application: ☐ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☒ Approval with Conditions  
Waiver: ☐ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☒ Not Applicable

**Summary of Staff Recommended Conditions (see report text for discussion):**

1. The Applicant will coordinate all traffic related issues with the City of Columbus and ODOT, as needed, and that traffic will be adequately maintained along public roadways and adjacent land uses during construction.
2. The Applicant's proposed staging area, west of Hilliard Rome Road, will include silt fencing, will be restored to at least original condition or as otherwise agreed with the property owner when completed, and will take appropriate measures to limit dust and noise on surrounding land uses. Traffic will also need to be maintained in and out of this site, and material and equipment should be located outside of any wetland areas, if present.
3. The Applicant will update the status of any potential historic properties in the study corridor, as inventoried through the Ohio Historic Preservation Office, and report to Staff the findings as well as any mitigation treatment, if necessary, prior to construction.
4. That prior to construction, the Applicant shall obtain all applicable permits and authorizations as required by Federal and State entities for any activities where such permit or authorization is required.

**Projected Docket Closure Date (if automatically approved):** December 31, 2011

**Investigation Report**

**Project Description:** The proposed project involves relocating approximately 6,200 feet of 12-inch natural gas pipeline. This project is necessary for the City of Columbus to execute planned roadway improvements to Hilliard Rome Road. The pipeline would be relocated within existing utility easements, which predate the gradual acquisition of additional new public right-of-way by the City of Columbus. The Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) of the proposed pipeline will be 190 psig with normal operating pressure at 185 psig. Capital costs for the project are estimated at approximately \$1,500,000. The Applicant has informed Staff that the replacement pipeline would be constructed to Class IV standards (the highest requirement, based on population density). Phase I of this pipeline work was completed in April, 2007 (Case No. 06-1065-GA-BNR), predominately north of Roberts Road for roadway work along Hilliard Rome Road.

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**Site Description:** The project is located in the City of Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. The project will start approximately 600 feet south of Roberts Road. The project then continues south on the west side of Hilliard Rome Road to the southwest corner of Westchester Woods Boulevard. Land use in the proximity of the project includes residential, commercial, public r-o-w and roadways. Relocation and installation of various utilities along Hilliard Rome Road will be performed concurrent to this project, including natural gas distribution facilities (not jurisdictional to the OPSB).

**Discussion/Comments/Concerns:** Major roadway crossings will be bored under to minimize impacts. Traffic control will be needed in terms of access/egress to adjacent land uses and to allow construction vehicles to enter and exit the project area. The Applicant is proposing to utilize a vacant parcel on the west side of Hilliard Rome Road as a staging area for project construction and material. This parcel is adjacent to residential and commercial properties. As such, the Applicant will need to limit noise and dust, secure the area, and control access and egress of vehicular traffic. The Applicant will determine if jurisdictional wetlands are located on the staging site and avoid with the use of perimeter silt fencing. The project will involve minimal tree clearing, as it is located along public r-o-w in a developed area. The Applicant indicates that a construction storm water permit has been approved by the Ohio EPA and that a construction storm water pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) has been developed for this project. With the above listed conditions, construction of this project should pose only minimal social and environmental impacts.