

BEFORE THE POWER SITING BOARD OF THE STATE OF OHIO

**In the Matter of the Expedited Letter of Notification
Application by Dominion East Ohio Gas Company for a
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public
Need for the PIR-521 – Southway Street West High
Pressure Distribution Pipeline Replacement, Massillon,
Stark County, OH**

) **Case Number**
) **13-1108-GA-BLN**
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Members of the Board:

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To the Honorable Power Siting Board:

Please review the attached Staff Report of Investigation, which has been filed in accordance with the Board's rules.

The accelerated certificate application in this case is subject to an automatic approval process as required by Section 4906.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The application will be automatically approved on **May 31, 2013** unless suspended by the Board's chairperson, the Executive Director, or an administrative law judge. If suspended, the Board must render a decision on the application within 90 days from the date of suspension.

The staff report includes recommended conditions of the certificate. Prior to the automatic approval date, the applicant must file a supplement to its application that adopts these conditions. Absent such supplement, Staff will recommend that the case be suspended.

Any concerns you or your designee may have with this case must be presented to the Executive Director of the Power Siting Board at least four business days prior to **May 31, 2013**, which is the automatic approval date. To contact the Executive Director with concerns, reply to the email to which this document was attached, or use the ContactOPSB email address listed below.

Sincerely,



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Ohio Power Siting Board
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OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Case Number: 13-1108-GA-BLN
Project Name: PIR-521 – Southway Street West High Pressure Distribution Pipeline Replacement
Project Location: City of Massillon and Perry Township, Stark County
Applicant: Dominion East Ohio
Application Filing Date: May 2, 2013
Filing Type: Expedited Letter of Notification
Inspection Date: May 15, 2013
Report Date: May 22, 2013
Automatic Approval Date: May 31, 2013
Applicant's Waiver Requests: none
Staff Assigned: E. Steele, C. Burri, G. Zeto

Summary of Staff Recommendations (see discussion below):

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

Project Description

Dominion East Ohio Gas (Applicant) proposes to replace approximately 9,200 feet of 8-inch, high pressure, bare steel pipeline that was installed in 1938 with 12-inch, high pressure, coated steel pipeline with an MAOP of 160 psig. The new line will be coated and cathodically protected with anodes. Pipeline replacement will be installed entirely within the road right-of-way. The cost estimate for this project is \$2,198,000. This project will involve Southway Street SW, from Harcrest Avenue to Genoa Avenue in the City of Massillon and Perry Township, Stark County.

Site Description

The proposed construction project is located within the City of Massillon (approximately 3,800 feet of pipeline replacement) and Perry Township (approximately 5,400 feet of pipeline replacement). The entire length of the proposed route will be located within road rights-of-way. Land use associated with the project area is primarily residential with some agricultural and commercial areas. There are tracts of farm fields located along the south side of Southway Street but they are out of the construction disturbance area. The land cover along the route consists of mowed grass, lawn trees, pavement, successional woods, pasture and fallow farm fields. Because of previous ground disturbance and the absence of identified cultural resources within or adjacent to the project area, the installation of this pipeline will not have an adverse effect on cultural resources. There will be a temporary impact to two streams and a wetland during the installation of this project. Following installation of the pipeline, the disturbed areas will be restored to pre-existing grade and the stream banks will be stabilized and re-vegetated. All best

management practices will be utilized to minimize sedimentation and erosion. No permanent impacts to these water resources will occur with the installation of pipeline for this project.

Need

The objective of this project is to reduce the restrictions currently experienced and improve the ability to deliver gas during high demand. In addition, the replacement of this 75 year old line will increase system reliability and safety to the surrounding Massillon and Perry Township distribution area.

Nature of Impacts

Because of previous ground disturbance and the absence of identified cultural resources within or adjacent to the project area, the installation of this pipeline will not have an adverse effect on cultural resources. There will be a temporary impact to two streams and a wetland during the installation of this project. Following installation of the pipeline, the disturbed areas will be restored to pre-existing grade and the stream banks will be stabilized and re-vegetated. All best management practices will be utilized to minimize sedimentation and erosion. No permanent impacts to these water resources will occur with the installation of pipeline for this project. No trees will be removed during the project.

Conclusion

The project would improve gas supply to the Massillon and Perry Township distribution areas. In addition, this replacement pipeline will increase system reliability and safety to the surrounding Massillon and Perry Township distribution areas. Staff recommends automatic approval of this case on **May 31, 2013** provided that the following conditions are satisfied.

Conditions

- (1) The Applicant will coordinate all traffic related issues with the appropriate entities to ensure that traffic will be maintained along public roadways and private drives during construction and that the Maintenance of Traffic Plan provided to staff will be followed;
- (2) The Applicant shall obtain and comply with all applicable permits and authorizations as required by federal and state laws and regulations for any activities where such permit or authorization is required. Copies of such permits and authorizations, including all supporting documentation shall be provided to Staff. The Applicant shall provide a schedule of construction activities and acquisition of corresponding permits for each activity at the preconstruction conference;
- (3) The Applicant shall conduct a pre-construction conference prior to the start of any project work to discuss how any construction concerns with respect to the proposed project will be satisfactorily addressed. Staff shall be afforded the opportunity to attend this meeting;
- (4) The Applicant shall utilize BMPs when working in the vicinity of environmentally sensitive areas. This includes, but is not limited to, the installation of silt fencing (or similarly effective tool) prior to initiating construction near streams and wetlands. The installation shall be done in accordance with generally accepted construction methods and shall be inspected regularly;

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Summary: Report of investigation electronically filed by Mr. Adam S Bargar on behalf of Staff of OPSB