

BEFORE THE POWER SITING BOARD OF THE STATE OF OHIO

**In the Matter of the Letter of Notification Application of
Generation Pipeline LLC, for a Certificate of
Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for Two
Route Shifts of the Oregon Lateral Pipeline**)
) **16-1095-GA-BLN**
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Members of the Board:

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Director, Department of Agriculture	
Director, Environmental Protection Agency	
Director, Department of Natural Resources	
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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 Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) 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 recommended for automatic approval on June 7, 2016, unless suspended by the Board's chairperson 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.

Please present any concerns you or your designee may have with this case to my office at least four business days prior to June 7, 2016, which is the automatic approval date.

Sincerely,



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OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Case Number: 16-1095-GA-BLN (amends 14-1754-GA-BLN)
Project Name: Two Route Shifts of the Oregon Lateral Pipeline
Project Location: Wood County
Applicant: Generation Pipeline, LLC
Application Filing Date: May 17, 2016
Filing Type: Letter of Notification
Inspection Date: May 25, 2016
Report Date: May 31, 2016
Recommended Automatic Approval Date: June 7, 2016
Applicant's Waiver Requests: none
Staff Assigned: G. Zeto

Summary of Staff Recommendations (see discussion below):

Application: ☐ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☒ Approval with Conditions

Waiver: ☒ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☐ Not Applicable

Project Description

On October 7, 2014, Generation Pipeline, LLC (Applicant) filed an application with the Ohio Power Siting Board to construct a 22-mile (the Oregon lateral Pipeline) to provide natural gas to the Oregon Clean Energy Center. On January 6, 2015, the application was automatically approved.

On May 17, 2016, the Applicant filed an application proposing to shift the previously approved and currently under construction Oregon Lateral Pipeline in two locations. The proposed shifts would satisfy landowner concerns and relocate approximately 5,061 feet in one location and 5,839 feet in the second location, adding a total of 1,644 feet of pipeline to the project. On May 17, 2016, the Applicant also filed a request for a waiver of the five-day advanced notice requirement in an effort to expedite the process review timeframe. Staff recommends approval of this request for waiver.

Nature of Impacts

The project adjustments are located on agricultural land, with one located in Perrysburg Township and the other in the city of Northwood. The shift in Perrysburg Township would bring the centerline to within approximately 300 feet of a large retail establishment, a decrease from approximately 1,200 feet as previously sited. The change in the city of Northwood would bring the centerline to within approximately 90 feet of several residences, a decrease from approximately 300 feet as previously sited. The routing modifications are the result of easement

negotiations with landowners and would not directly impact any new landowners. The Applicant has obtained all necessary easements for the proposed shifts. The Applicant has reviewed the project area for the presence of cultural resources, and no impacts are expected. The shifts would not result in additional impacts to streams or wetlands or the habitat of federal or state listed species. Pipeline proximity to residences and businesses is subject to review and regulation per pipeline safety laws.

Conclusion

Staff's review of the application included consideration of the requirements listed in Ohio Revised Code Section 4906.10. Based on Staff's review, the application meets the necessary criteria for granting a certificate. Staff recommends automatic approval of this application on June 7, 2016.

Condition

The Applicant shall continue to adhere to all conditions of the certificate in case number 14-1754-GA-BLN.

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