

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of Columbia Gas of Ohio,	:	
Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental	:	Case No. 20-1236-GA-BTX
Compatibility and Public Need for the	:	
Construction of the Northern Columbus	:	
Loop – Phase VII.	:	

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
JESS STOTTSBERRY
ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
POWER SITING DEPARTMENT**

Staff Exhibit __

May 6, 2021

1 1. Q. Please state your name and your business address.

2 A. My name is Jess Stottsberry, and my business address is 180 East Broad
3 Street, Columbus OH 43215.
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5 2. Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) as a
7 Utility Specialist II within the Power Siting Department.
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9 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

10 A. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology (1998) from Marietta
11 College. I worked in the private industry as an oilfield geologist from May
12 1998 to January 2000. I then began employment in January 2000 with the
13 Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Central Office - Division of
14 Drinking and Ground Waters where I worked as a geologist in the
15 Underground Injection Control Unit for 21 years. I transferred to PUCO in
16 January 2021 to work as a Utility Specialist. My responsibilities during
17 this time have primarily involved review of Ohio Power Siting Board
18 (Board) cases with focus on geology and hydrogeology.
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20 4. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Ohio Power Siting
21 Board?

22 A. No.

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2 5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

3 A. On February 4, 2021, the administrative law judge in this case issued an
4 entry that required each party to file a list of issues citing specific concerns
5 about which they may be interested in pursuing cross-examination of
6 witnesses at the evidentiary hearing. The Delaware County Board of
7 Commissioners then filed a list of issues that included, among other things,
8 the potential to conduct cross-examination on Staff's investigation,
9 findings, and recommendations regarding conditions 4, 8, and 9. I am
10 available to respond specifically to those conditions from the Staff Report
11 and the resulting Stipulation.

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13 6. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

14 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testi-
15 mony, as new information subsequently becomes available or in response
16 to positions taken by other parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Prefiled Testimony of Jess Stottsberry** submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Power Siting Department, was served via electronic mail, upon the following parties of record, this 6th day of May, 2021.

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