**Jerome Township**

**Union County, Ohio**

**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

 The Board of Township Trustees, Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio (the “Board”), met in regular session on February 2, 2021, at the Jerome Township Hall, 9777 Industrial Parkway, Plain City, Jerome Township, Ohio 43064, with these members present: Joe Craft, C.J. Lovejoy, and Megan Sloat.

 introduced this resolution and moved its passage:

A Resolution Approving Intervention in the Matter of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.’s Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Pubic Need for the Construction of the Northern Columbus Loop – Phase VII, Before the Ohio Power Siting Board, Case No. 20-12362-GA-BTX on Behalf of Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio.

Whereas, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. has placed a copy of its Application *In the Matter of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.’s for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction of the Northern Columbus Loop – Phase VII*, Ohio Power Siting Board Case No. 20-1236-GA-BTX, at the Marysville Public Library; and

Whereas, portions of the proposed Northern Columbus Loop – Phase VII Pipeline Project is within Jerome Township, Union County, as stated in the Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. Application; and

Whereas, the board of township trustees is the principal executive office/head of the township, which is responsible for land use planning through zoning in the township; and

Whereas, the Board of Township Trustees, Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio, are entitled to receive service of a copy of Columbia Gas of Ohio’s application in Case No. 20-1236-GA-BTX under R.C. §4906.06(B)by virtue of its responsibility for land use planning through zoning in the Township; and

Whereas, the Board of Township Trustees, Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio, has responsibility for leadership and guidance for the residents regarding land use planning through zoning, not only to protect the existing community and support existing business and industry but also to attract new economic investment; and

Whereas, this Board of Township Trustees has determined that Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio, faces an imminent shortfall in natural gas capacity;

Based upon the foregoing, this Board of Township Trustees Finds

1. That this Board has a particular perspective on matters related to the land use planning in Jerome Township and the impact of the proposed Project; and
2. That this Board can contribute to a just and prompt resolution of the issues involved in this proceeding without unduly delaying or prejudicing any existing party; and
3. That this Board has valuable and relevant experience and knowledge regarding land use planning in Jerome Township as relates to this matter, including whether the Project as proposed is in the public interest, and whether the Project meets the current and future needs of a region, including Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio, with constrained natural gas capacity.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By The Board Of Township Trustees, Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio, That:

Section 1. Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio, through this Board of Township Trustees, shall intervene in Ohio Power Siting Board Case No.20-1236-GA-BTX, involving the Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.’s Northern Columbus Loop – Phase VII Pipeline Project.

Section 2. The Board approves the filing of the Notice of Intervention prepared by the Office of the Union County Prosecuting Attorney, as legal counsel to Jerome Township.

Section 3. The then current president or other member of this Board, as designated from time to time is authorized to sign documents as may be necessary and appropriate for the prompt and efficient presentation of the Township’s position.

Section 4. The Board finds and determines that all of its formal actions concerning and relating to adopting this Resolution occurred in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements including Revised Code §121.22.

 seconded the motion and after discussion, the chair called a roll call vote, and the results were:

Megan Sloat C.J. Lovejoy Joe Craft

Yes No Yes No Yes No

Passed: , 20\_\_ Board of Township Trustees

 Jerome Township

 Union County, Ohio

Attest:

 Robert Caldwell, Fiscal Officer Megan Sloat

 C.J. Lovejoy

 Joe Craft

Approved as to Form:

 Thayne D. Gray, Asst .Pros. Atty.

Fiscal Officer’s Certification

 I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Township Trustees’ Resolution \_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ adopted on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_, 20\_\_\_.

Date: , 20\_\_ Robert Caldwell, Fiscal Officer