**Union County, Ohio**

**Resolution No. 21-\_\_\_\_**

 The Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”), Union County, Ohio (the “County”) convened in regular session on February 2, 2021, under provisions of Am.Sub.H.B. No. 197, Section 12, as amended by Sub. H.B. 404, Section 1, of the 133rd General Assembly, with these members participating remotely: Christiane S. Schmenk, Steve D. Robinson, and Dave Burke.

 introduced this resolution and moved its passage:

A Resolution Authorizing 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 Union County, Ohio.

Whereas, Union County has been served with a letter dated January 12, 2021 from counsel for Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. with 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 by U.S. mail to its County Commissioners ; and

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 Union County, as stated in the Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. Application; and

Whereas, the county commissioners are the principal executive officers of the county; and

Whereas, the members of the Board of County Commissioners, 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); and

Whereas, Union County is entitled to be a party upon filing a notice of intervention as a party under R.C. §4906.08(A)(2)

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners, Union County, Ohio, has responsibility for leadership and guidance for over 57,000 residents regarding economic well-being, including promoting development of infrastructure not only to support existing business and industry but also to attract new economic investment; and

Whereas, this Board of County Commissioners has determined that Union County faces an imminent shortfall in natural gas capacity;

Based upon the foregoing, this Board of County Commissioners Finds

1. That this Board has a particular perspective on matters related to areas in Union County with the greatest potential for growth; existing and potential infrastructure developments other than natural gas that may affect future development; and input from local economic development activities; 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 local conditions regarding 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 Union County, with constrained natural gas capacity.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By The Board Of County Commissioners, Union County, Ohio, That:

Section 1. Union County, Ohio, through this Board of County Commissioners, shall intervene in Ohio Power Siting Board Case No. 20-1236-GA-BTX, involving the Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.’s 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*,.

Section 2. 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 County’s position.

Section 3. 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:

Christiane S. Schmenk Yes No

Steve D. Robinson Yes No

Dave Burke Yes No

Passed: , 20\_\_ Board of County Commissioners

 Union County, Ohio

Attest:

 Kelly A. Higgins, Clerk Christiane S. Schmenk

 Steve D. Robinson

 Dave Burke

Approved as to Form:

Thayne D. Gray

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Clerk’s Certification

 I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Commissioners Resolution \_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ adopted on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, and journalized in Commissioners Journal 20\_\_\_, p. \_\_\_\_\_.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_ Kelly A. Higgins, Clerk