

Staff Investigation Report and Recommendation**Case No.:** 06-1352-GA-BNR**Project:** Van Meter Road/State Route 104 (SSL TCO Point of Delivery Project)**Applicant:** Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.**Report Date:** December 8, 2006**Automatic Approval Date:** December 16, 2006 (Construction Notice)**Waiver Requests:** None**Inspection Date(s):** December 1, 2006, December 4, 2006**Staff Assigned:** J. Pawley, L. Winget, E. Smith**Summary of Staff Recommendations (see report text for discussion):**

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

Summary of Staff Recommended Conditions (see report text for discussion):

1. Silt fencing shall be installed to protect Van Meter Run and the drainage ditch located adjacent to State Route 104.
2. The Applicant shall have a preconstruction conference, with all contractors present. Staff shall be invited. Point of Delivery (POD) station details and/or equipment specifications shall be submitted to Staff prior to the meeting.
3. Prior to construction, the applicant shall obtain and comply with all applicable permits and authorizations as required by Federal, State and local entities for any activities where such permit or authorization is required.

Projected Docket Closure Date (if automatically approved): August 1, 2009**Investigation Report**

Project Description: The project involves the installation of approximately 360 feet of 12-inch steel pipe and associated point-of-delivery (POD) facilities for Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Applicant). The project is aimed at improving the Applicant's system pressure and volume, particularly in regards to the southern Columbus distribution market area. The Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) of the new pipeline is 720 psig from the delivery point to the POD station. The POD station is comprised of a gravel access drive off of Van Meter Road, a perimeter fence, blow-off valves, heater, shed, regulation and measurement runs, and a future regulator structure.

Site Description: This project is located in Jackson Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. The site is situated at the northwestern intersection of Van Meter Rd. and State Route 104. The project site is

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located on land owned by or on an easement secured by the Applicant, and is presently agricultural (approximately 1.5 acres) with no residences on site. The area around the site is predominately agricultural with scattered residential land use along SR 104. The watercourse Van Meter Run is located north of the project site.

Discussion/Comments/Concerns: The 12-inch pipeline will be located in an easement secured by the Applicant that parallels SR 104, and the POD station is situated on land owned by the Applicant. The construction of this project should pose only minimal negative social and environmental impacts.