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Staff Investigation Report and Recommendation

Case No.: 07-0134-GA-BNR
Project: Flax Street, Delaware Pipeline Replacement
Applicant: Columbia Gas of Ohio

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Report Date: March 2, 2007
Automatic Approval Date: March 10, 2007 (Construction Notice process)

Waiver Request: None

Inspection Date(s): February 26, 2007

Staff Assigned: L. Winget, J. Pawley

Summary of Staff Recommendations (see report text for discussion):

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

Projected Docket Closure Date (if approved by the Board): September 30, 2009

Conditions:

- As traffic will be restricted at certain times, the applicant will coordinate with the City of Delaware and District #6 of the Ohio Department of Highways on all traffic disruptions.
- The applicant will notify the commercial establishments and residences one week before crossing their access points

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Project Description: This project proposes to replace 2100 feet of 8-inch steel high pressure pipe with 2100 feet of 10-inch steel high pressure pipe. The old pipeline lies under the pavement of US Route 42 and State Route 37. This pipe will be capped-off and left in place. The proposed new pipeline will be installed in city street rights-of-way to avoid maintaining the heavy traffic on the two main highways. Flash fill is required by the city, hence there should be no subsidence after the applicant repaves the area above the pipe. US Route 42 will be crossed via auger drill.

Site Description: The project area is located in the City of Delaware, Delaware County. The project will be limited to the city side streets. These streets are narrow and will restrict the construction activities. Both commercial and residential properties exist along the proposed pipeline route.

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Discussion/Comments/Concerns: This project is needed to replace an old and deteriorating natural gas line. Future requirements require greater capacity than the existing pipe can handle. Hence, a larger pipe is being installed to carry the expected load growth in the area. The remainder of the pipe will be replaced at a later date. There should be minimum environmental impact after the pipe is installed.