

**Staff Investigation Report and Recommendation**

**Case No.:** 07-795-GA-BNR  
**Project:** Westerville North Street HP Loop Phase I  
**Applicant:** Columbia Gas of Ohio

**Report Date:** August 3, 2007

**Automatic Approval Date:** August 10, 2007 (Construction Notice Process)

**Waiver Requests:** None

**Inspection Date(s):** July 24 and August 3, 2007

**Staff Assigned:** Leon Winget

**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):**

The Applicant will coordinate with the City of Westerville on all phases of the project.

The Applicant will have a preconstruction meeting with the contractor and Staff. One item to be discussed will be the avoidance of the existing utilities.

The Applicant will restore, to the original condition, all impacts to the street, sidewalk and "tree lawn".

**Projected Docket Closure Date (if automatically approved):** October 2009

**Investigation Report**

**Project Description:** The project replaces 3000 feet of a 6-inch pipeline with a 12-inch steel high-pressure pipe. The majority of the project will be in the grass strip between the road and sidewalk ("tree lawn"). Approximately, 100 feet of the sidewalk will be directly impacted. The majority of the pipe will be installed using the open trench method. Horizontal drilling and/or auger bore technology will be used at the street crossings and other sensitive areas.

**Site Description:** The project is located east and adjacent to North State Street (SR 3), from Polaris Parkway to Commerce Park Avenue. The area has a high concentration of new commercial establishments. Traffic will be maintained for short periods of time. The project is in Westerville, Genoa Township, Delaware County

**Discussion/Comments/Concerns:** The construction of this project will pose short term impacts to traffic flow.

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