

BEFORE

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of Columbia)
 Gas of Ohio for an Amendment to its)
 Certificate of Environmental Compatibility) Case No. 08-271-GA-BNR
 and Public Need for the Columbus)
 Northwest Extension in Union County, Ohio.)

ORDER ON CERTIFICATE AMENDMENT

The Ohio Power Siting Board (Board or OPSB), coming now to consider the above-entitled matter and having determined that a public hearing is not necessary, having reviewed the application and being otherwise fully advised, hereby issues its Order on Certificate Amendment in accordance with Section 4906.10, Revised Code.

INTRODUCTION:A. History of the Proceeding:

On October 2, 1995, the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) issued an Opinion, Order, and Certificate, in Case No. 94-1620-GA-BTX (94-1620), granting the application of Columbia Gas Of Ohio (Columbia) for a certificate for the construction of the Columbus Northwest Extension Project.

On March 17, 2008, Columbia filed a construction notice application which would amend the certificate issued in 94-1620. The proposed amendment is to relocate a portion of the original line, what is being called Post Road/S.R. 161/U.S. Mandatory Relocation Project. The project is located in Union County, at Post and Hyland Roads in Jerome Township. The project will rebuild and relocate 1,600 feet of 16-inch high pressure pipe starting at a location approximately 500 feet south of Post Road and terminating at a location approximately 1,100 feet north of Post Road along Ligget and Hyland Croy Roads to accommodate a request of the City of Dublin and the Ohio Department of Transportation.

In accordance with Rule 4906-5-10(B), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), Columbia served copies of the application upon local officials. Within the discretion granted in Rule 4906-5-10(B), O.A.C., and pursuant to an entry issued April 8, 2008, the administrative law judge required Columbia to publish notice of the application. Public notice was published in Union County. Columbia filed proof of the publications on April 18, 2008. Pursuant to the public notice, interested persons were given 10 days in which to respond to the proposed amendment. The Board did not receive any letters regarding the proposed amendment.

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B. Staff Investigation of Proposed Amendment:

Board Staff visited the site on April 7, 2008 and reviewed the application. In an investigative report filed April 8, 2008, the Board's staff stated that the proposed project would relocate 1600 feet of 16-inch steel high-pressure pipeline. The report states that the City of Dublin and the Ohio Department of Transportation are relocating the north bound ramps on and off of US Route 33 requiring relocation of the pipeline along a portion of Post and Hyland Roads in Union County, Ohio. Staff stated the area is open grass land to the south of Post Road and mostly farm field to the north, with the exception of one house facing Post Road. Staff has recommended that the project be processed as an application to amend a certificate that was issued for this pipeline in 94-1620, Columbus Northwest Extension Project, approved on October 2, 1995, rather than as a construction notice application. Staff has determined that the proposed project would not result in any significant adverse social or environmental impact pursuant to Rule 4906-5-10(B)(1), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), and recommends approval of the relocation.

C. Decision:

Upon a review of the record, the Board finds this project should be processed as a amendment application and that the change to the location of a portion of the pipeline promotes the public convenience and necessity and will not result in any significant adverse social or environmental impact. The Board also finds that a hearing is not necessary in this case. Accordingly, the Board concludes that Columbia's 94-1620 certificate should be amended to relocate the pipeline as requested in Columbia's application.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

- (1) Columbia is subject to the Board's jurisdiction under Chapter 4906, Revised Code.
- (2) On March 17, 2008, Columbia filed an application which would amend the certificate issued in 94-1620. The proposed amendment is to relocate a portion of the original line located in Union County, at Post and Hyland Roads in Jerome Township. The project will rebuild and relocate 1,600 feet of 16-inch high pressure pipe starting at a location approximately 500 feet south of Post Road and terminating at a location approximately 1,100 feet north of Post Road along Ligget and Hyland Croy Roads to accommodate a request of the City of Dublin and the Ohio Department of Transportation.

- (3) In accordance with the administrative law judge's direction and Rule 4906-5-10(B), O.A.C., public notice of the proposed amendment was published in Union County. On April 18, 2008 Columbia filed proof of the publication. Columbia also served copies of the application upon local government officials, in accordance with Rule 4906-5-10(B), O.A.C.
- (4) Based on the record, the certificate of environmental compatibility and public need for the 94-1620 gas pipeline line project should be amended to permit construction, operation, and maintenance of the pipeline with the changes set forth in Columbia's application

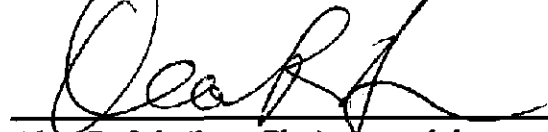
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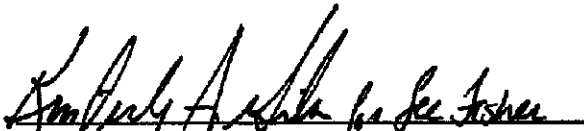
ORDERED, That the certificate of environmental compatibility and public need for the 94-1620 gas pipeline project is hereby amended to permit the relocation of the line, as described in Columbia's application. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Order on Certificate Amendment be served upon all interested persons of record.

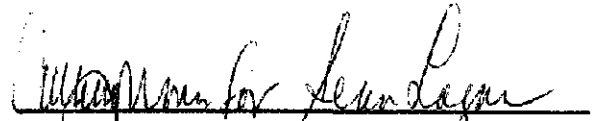
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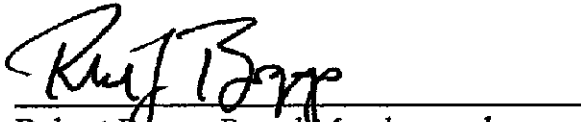


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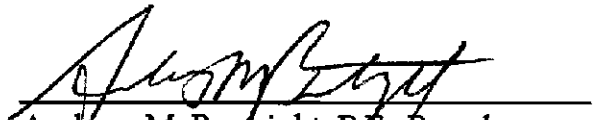


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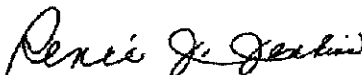


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