Staff Investigation Report and Recommendation

Case No.: 10-146-GA-BNR

Project: McDonald Village SRTS 20-Inch High Pressure Installation

Applicant: Dominion East Ohio Gas Company

Report Date: 25 February 2010

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PUCO § Automatic Approval Date: 5 March 2010 (Expedited Construction Notice process)

Waiver Request: None

Inspection Date(s): 18 February 2010 Staff Assigned: J. O'Dell & E. Steele

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

Application: [X] Approval [] Disapproval [] Approval with Conditions

Waiver: [] Approval [] Disapproval [X] Not Applicable

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

None

Projected Docket Closure Date (if automatically approved): 31 August 2012

Investigation Report

Project Description: This project replaces an existing 12-inch gas transmission line and an associated 8-inch high pressure distribution line with a single 20-inch line. The existing bare steel lines would be replaced as part of the Applicant's ongoing Pipeline Infrastructure Replacement program. Additionally, this replacement is necessary to accommodate McDonald Village's Safe Routes to School program, which requires that infrastructure be moved to facilitate sidewalk installation. Approximately 2,800 feet of new line would be installed within existing road r-o-w, or within existing easements.

Site Description: This project is located in McDonald Village, Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County. Land use in proximity to the project consists of rural residential uses. No appreciable vegetative clearing is required and adequate construction access is available.

Discussion/Comments/Concerns: The construction of this project should pose only minimal negative social and ecological impacts.

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