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Ohio Power Siting Board

Staff Investigation Report and Recommendation

Case No.: 11-1157-GA-BNR

Project: 180 - Weathersfield Township 20-Inch High Pressure

Applicant: Dominion East Ohio Gas Company

Report Date: 18 March 2011

Automatic Approval Date: 25 March 2011 (**Expedited** Construction Notice process)

Waiver Request: None

Inspection Date(s): 15 March 2011

Staff Assigned: J. O'Dell & D. Rostofer

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

Application: [] Approval [] Disapproval [X] Approval with Conditions
Waiver: [] Approval [] Disapproval [X] Not Applicable

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

- 1) Applicant shall utilize existing roads for equipment ingress and egress to the project.
- 2) Applicant shall not cross water resources with equipment without first consulting Staff.
- 3) Applicant shall utilize Best Management Practices for erosion control to minimize impacts to nearby wetland resources.

Projected Docket Closure Date (if automatically approved): 30 June 2012

Project Description: This project replaces an existing 12-inch gas transmission line with a 20-inch line. Approximately 1,200 feet of new line would be installed within existing easements. When the old line is removed, the new line will be placed at the same location. The existing bare steel line would be replaced as part of the Applicant's ongoing Pipeline Infrastructure Replacement program.

Site Description: Land use in proximity to the project consists of agricultural, rural residential, industrial and interstate highway uses. The project is located in Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County.

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

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