

BEFORE

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Construction Notice)
of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., for the) Case No. 12-471-GA-BNR
Ford Street High Pressure Pipeline)
Replacement Project.)

ENTRY

The administrative law judge finds:

- (1) On January 27, 2012, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia), in accordance with Rule 4906-11-02, Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), filed a construction notice for the Ford Street High Pressure Pipeline Replacement Project.
- (2) Rules 4906-5-02(B)(1) and (3), O.A.C., govern the timeframes for the filing, review, and approval of construction notices. Specifically, a construction notice is to be filed not less than 42 days before commencement of construction and, if the Board does not act upon the filing within 42 days, the notice is deemed automatically approved. However, the applicant may request expedited processing, in which case, it must file the application not less than 21 days prior to commencement of construction and, if the Board does not act upon the notice within 21 days, it is deemed automatically approved. The rule also provides that, for good cause shown, the administrative law judge (ALJ) may waive the 42- or 21-day time period.
- (3) On January 31, 2012, Columbia filed a motion for waiver of the 21-day requirement set forth in Rules 4906-5-02(B)(1) and (3), O.A.C., so that it may be allowed to begin construction on February 7, 2012. In support of its motion, Columbia states that the purpose of the project is to replace a leaking section of a 24-inch high pressure gas main that serves half of Columbia's customers in the Toledo, Ohio market. According to Columbia, there is currently a Grade 1 leak at this location, which requires Columbia to monitor the site 24 hours a day until a permanent repair is made. Therefore, due to the threat of the leak getting worse, it is necessary to replace the pipe as soon as possible.

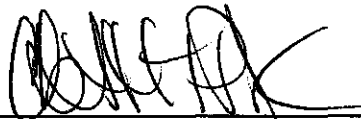
- (4) On February 2, 2011, Staff filed its report of investigation (Staff Report) recommending that the application be automatically approved on February 6, 2012.
- (5) Under the circumstances in this case, the ALJ finds that an expedited ruling is necessary. Upon consideration of Columbia's motion for waiver and the Staff Report, the ALJ finds that Columbia's motion is reasonable and in the public interest and should be granted. Therefore, the processing of Columbia's application will be expedited and the automatic approval date for this application will be February 6, 2012.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Columbia's motion be granted and the automatic approval date for this application be February 6, 2012. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties of record.

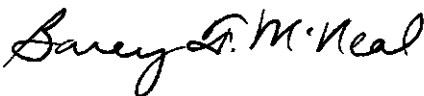
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By: Christine M.T. Pirik
Administrative Law Judge

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