

OPSB Staff Report of Investigation**Case No.:** 12-1146-GA-BLN**Project:** PIR-609 High Pressure Distribution Pipeline Replacement (L#2472)**Applicant:** Dominion East Ohio Gas Company**Report Date:** April 25, 2012**Automatic Approval Date:** May 3, 2012**Waiver Requests:** None**Inspection Date(s):** April 18, 2012**Staff Assigned:** E. Steele**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):

- Prior to construction, the Applicant shall obtain and comply with all applicable permits and authorizations as required by Federal, State and local entities for any activities where such permit or authorization is required. Copies of such permits shall be provided to Staff.
- The Applicant shall have a pre-construction conference with all contractors present to discuss any construction concerns with respect to the proposed project. Power Siting Staff shall be invited to this conference.
- The Applicant shall institute a public information program that informs affected property owners of the nature of the project, specific contact information for Applicant personnel who are familiar with the project, the proposed timeframe for project construction, and a schedule for restoration activities. Notification to property owners shall be given at least thirty (30) days prior to work on the affected property.
- The installation shall be done in accordance with generally accepted construction methods and shall be inspected regularly.
- That the Applicant shall have an environmental specialist on site at all times that construction (including vegetation clearing) is being performed in or near a sensitive area, such as a designated wetland or headwater stream.

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- That the Applicant shall utilize Best Management Practices when working in the vicinity of environmentally sensitive areas. This includes, but is not limited to, the installation of silt fencing (or similarly effective tool) prior to initiating construction near streams and wetlands.
- The Applicant will coordinate all traffic related issues with the appropriate entities to ensure that traffic will be maintained along public roadways and private drives during construction.
- The Applicant will repair any damage to driveways, lawns, fences and drainage ditch areas as a result of this project upon completion of construction.

Projected Docket Closure Date (if automatically approved): October 1, 2014

Investigation Report

Project Description: Dominion East Ohio is planning to replace approximately 7,300 feet of 8-inch line #6199 with approximately 7,300 feet of 12-inch high pressure L#2472. This pipeline replacement is located entirely within Perry Township, Stark County, OH. The new pipeline will be coated and cathodically protected with anodes. Pipeline replacement shall be installed within 60 & 90 foot Dominion East Ohio easements with a small portion perpendicularly crossing a Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad right-of-way. The existing pipeline being replaced was installed in various years between 1944-1983 with an MAOP of 160 psi. The existing pipeline will be removed and replaced with the new pipeline.

Site Description: Land use associated with this project is primarily residential with some recreational and agricultural areas. No National Register listed properties, Archaeological Inventory properties, National Register listed districts and Phases 1, 2 and 3 survey areas were identified within or adjacent to the pipeline right-of-way. There is one wetland and two streams in the project area.

Discussion/Comments/Concerns: A portion of this project will be installed in the yards of some homeowners. It will involve removing some trees, fencing and disturbing the yards and driveways of the homeowners. These affected homeowners must be notified at least 30 days prior to construction. In addition, repairs must be made to all driveways, lawns, fences, and drainage ditches that are affected during this project. It will also temporarily impact 0.013 acres of one wetland and 10 linear feet of two intermittent streams. The affected wetland and stream would be restored to pre-construction conditions upon completion of construction. Some trees will be removed and none have characteristics that may potentially provide habitat and/or support maternity roosts for the Indiana bat.