

OPSB Staff Report of Investigation**Case No.:** 12-1497-GA-BNR**Project:** PIR-556 - Genoa Avenue - Perry Township, Stark County**Applicant:** Dominion East Ohio Gas Company**Report Date:** May 24, 2012**Automatic Approval Date:** May 30, 2012**Waiver Requests:** None**Inspection Date(s):** May 23, 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 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 give notice to affected property owners in advance of construction starting along or on their property.
- The Applicant will notify staff before construction begins on this project.
- The Applicant will coordinate all traffic related issues with the appropriate entities to ensure that traffic will be maintained along public roadways, adjacent land uses and private drives during construction. Any temporary road closures will be communicated to the appropriate entities, as well as emergency response personnel in advance of the temporary road closures.
- That prior to the cutting or trimming of suitable Indiana bat summer roosting/rearing habitat, the Applicant shall provide OPSB staff with a response letter from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Ohio Field Office. If the Service determines that summer cutting restrictions shall apply then cutting or trimming of habitat trees shall only occur from October 1 to March 30. Furthermore, if the Applicant must cut suitable habitat trees during the months of April 1 to September 30, then the Applicant must first conduct appropriate surveys (emergent/mist net) during May or June to establish whether Indiana bat are present within

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the survey area and provide the results to Staff and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in coordination with the USFWS for review and approval prior to cutting.

- The Applicant will promptly repair any damage to driveways, lawns, fences and drainage ditch areas upon completion of construction to their pre-construction state.

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

### **Investigation Report**

**Project Description:** Dominion East Ohio is planning to replace two sections of 20-inch bare high pressure steel pipe (each 4,781 feet long) with 4,781 feet of 30-inch high pressure coated steel pipe. This construction will run along Genoa Avenue in Perry Township, Stark County, OH. It will involve streets from north of Carolina Street (on the west side of Genoa Avenue) to just south of Hazelbrook Street. The primary purpose of the replacement segments will be to take out of service the old pipeline to assure a safe and constant supply of natural gas to Dominion East Ohio's customers. The proposed 30-inch high pressure line will operate at a maximum allowable pressure of 174 pounds per square in gauge. All lines are in existing public or company owned right of way. The cost of this project is approximately \$2,095,925.

**Site Description:** Land use associated with this project is primarily residential with some business and school properties. The 30-inch line will be installed in the same location as one of the existing 20-inch lines. The pipeline runs along Genoa Avenue and in places the pipeline is under Genoa Avenue. All easements have been obtained.

**Discussion/Comments/Concerns:** A portion of this project will be installed in the yards of some homeowners. It will involve disturbing the yards and driveways of the homeowners. These affected homeowners must be notified prior to the start of construction on their property. In addition, repairs must be made to all driveways, lawns, fences, roads and drainage ditches that are affected during this project. Portions of the pipeline are located under Genoa Avenue. Traffic should be maintained whenever possible throughout this project. Whenever temporary road closing are necessary, all police, fire and emergency personnel should be notified in advance to allow alternate routes to be planned.