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OPSB Staff Report of Investigation

Case No.: 12-1538-GA-BNR

Project: Lancers Road Replacement

Applicant: The Energy Cooperative

Report Date: June 18, 2012

Automatic Approval Date: June 26, 2012

Waiver Requests: None

Inspection Date(s): June 7, 2012

Staff Assigned: E. Steele, D. Rostofer

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):

- The Applicant shall utilize BMPs 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 installation shall be done in accordance with generally accepted construction methods and shall be inspected regularly;
- Prior to the pre-construction conference, the Applicant shall submit to the Staff, for review and approval, a project access plan. This plan shall include all laydown areas, residential and environmental sensitive area access points, and any locations where vegetation clearing is required. The plan shall consider the location of residential fencing, private structures, streams, wetlands, and wooded areas;
- The Applicant shall remove or trim suitable Indiana bat habitat trees from October 1 to March 30. If the Applicant must cut suitable habitat during the summer months of April 1 to September 30, then the Applicant must conduct appropriate surveys (mist net) during May or June to establish whether the Indiana bat is present within the survey area and provide the results to Staff and ODNR in coordination with the USFWS for review and approval prior to cutting.

Projected Docket Closure Date (if automatically approved): July 22, 2014

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Investigation Report

Project Description: The Energy Cooperative is planning on replacing 800 feet of 8" bare steel pipe installed in 1964 with 10" welded treated pipe. This pipe will be tied into 10" welded treated pipe at the north end that was installed in 1985 and at the south end into 10" welded treated pipe that was installed in 1986. This project will also include the replacement of a valve nest and small district regulator station. The pipeline will be tested at 500 psig and will operate at 250 psig. The nearby stream and wetland will not be impacted by the construction of this project.

Site Description: The project area is rural along a county road with some agricultural areas. All construction will take place within public right of way, railroad right of way, or in current private right of way agreements. No additional easements or right of ways were obtained for this project.

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