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OPSB Staff Report of Investigation

Case No.: 12-1796-GA-BNR

Project: PIR-568 – Warrensville Center Road – South Euclid, Cuyahoga County

Applicant: Dominion East Ohio Gas Company

Report Date: June 25, 2012

Automatic Approval Date: July 3, 2012

Waiver Requests: Motion for waiver filed to allow Dominion East Ohio to allow placement of stopples in the existing pipeline to prevent gas from flowing. This is work preliminary to the construction of the new pipeline. The construction of the new pipeline would not begin until Dominion's Construction Notice is approved. This waiver was approved on June 15, 2012.

Inspection Date(s): June 21, 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 will give notice to affected property owners in advance of construction starting along or on their property.
- 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.

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

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Project Description: Dominion East Ohio is proposing to replace 1,581 feet of 26" high pressure bare steel pipe with 1,581 feet of 30" high pressure coated steel pipe. The construction will run in the center median of Warrensville Center Road from north of Okalona Road to just south of the South Euclid city border. This job is being expedited due to major improvements in the Warrensville Center Road to accommodate a shopping area. The city of South Euclid requested that Dominion East Ohio complete its pipeline replacement prior to the city's roadwork.

Site Description: Land use associated with this project is primarily business. The pipeline will be installed in the center median of Warrensville Center Road. All property owners along the right-of-way have been notified by Dominion East Ohio of the pending construction schedule and traffic disruptions and the traffic plan has been reviewed by the City of South Euclid.

Discussion/Comments/Concerns: The project will be a "lift and lay", which means the old pipe will be removed and the new pipe will be put in its place. The existing line is in the center median of Warrensville Center Road. One lane in each direction will be closed in a "sliding" area to minimize the area that will be affected by the construction. Signs will be placed along the areas affected by the construction to notify motorists and pedestrians.