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Ms. Barcy F. McNeal
Director, Office of Administration
Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: *In the Matter of the Letter of Notification of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for a proposed pipeline replacement project known as the Raymond Memorial Golf Course Project in Columbus, Ohio.*
Case No. 13-2227-GA-BLN

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia") filed a Letter of Notification, pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-02 and 4906-11-01, on November 18, 2013, concerning a proposed pipeline project known as the Raymond Memorial Golf Course Project. The Ohio Power Siting Board Staff issued its report on February 7, 2014, recommending automatic approval of Columbia's application in this proceeding on February 17, 2014, provided that four conditions contained therein were satisfied. Pursuant to the OPSB Staff Report, Columbia agrees to satisfy all four conditions, and specifically responds to each below.

- (1) *Prior to the commencement of construction activities that require permits or authorizations by federal or state laws and regulations, the Applicant shall obtain and comply with such permits or authorizations. The Applicant shall provide copies of permits and authorizations including all supporting documentation to Staff.*

Columbia has obtained the following permits and licenses for this project and has submitted each to Staff: Street Excavation Permit from the City of Columbus on October 9, 2013; License from CSX Transportation on January 9, 2014; License from Norfolk Southern Railway Company on December 17, 2013; and Ohio EPA General NPDES Construction Site Storm Water General Permit on December 12, 2013. No other permits or licenses are required for this project.

- (2) *That the Applicant shall adhere to seasonal cutting dates of October 1 through March 31 for the removal of suitable Indiana bat habitat trees, if avoidance measures cannot be achieved. If it is not practical for the Applicant to adhere to the seasonal cutting restrictions, then the Applicant shall coordinate with USFWS and ODNR for clearance.*

Columbia will adhere to the seasonal cutting dates of October 1 through March 31 for removal of suitable Indiana bat habitat trees, if avoidance measures cannot be achieved.

- (3) *Prior to the start of construction, the Applicant shall obtain all right-of-ways that are necessary for the pipeline to be installed and provide copies of those right-of-ways to Staff.*

Columbia has obtained all rights-of-way for this Project except for one, which have been provided to Staff. Once Columbia finalizes the last right-of-way agreement, it will provide copies to Staff prior to the start of construction.

- (4) *The Applicant will notify homeowners and businesses in the area prior to construction regarding the hours of operation associated with the project.*

Columbia will notify homeowners and business in the area prior to construction regarding the hours of operation associated with the project. Columbia has submitted a copy of this notification letter to Staff.

Columbia, pursuant to the Staff Report, has satisfied the four conditions and recommends the automatic approval of its letter of notification on February 17, 2014. If there are any remaining questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at the information listed above.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Melissa L. Thompson

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Summary: Correspondence Accepting Conditions in Staff Report electronically filed by Ms. Melissa L. Thompson on behalf of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.