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Ms. Barcy F. McNeal, Secretary
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 E. Broad St., 11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re: Case No. 14-1754-GA-BLN
North Coast Gas Transmission, LLC

Dear Ms. McNeal:

On October 7, 2014, North Coast Gas Transmission, LLC ("North Coast") filed a letter of notification in Case No. 14-1754-GA-BLN for approval of an underground natural gas transmission line and related above ground facilities in Lucas and Wood counties, Ohio. The Ohio Power Siting Board's Staff issued a Staff Report of Investigation on December 29, 2014 recommending approval of the project and listing recommended conditions for the project. Please be advised that North Coast accepts and adopts Staff's recommended conditions 1 through 26 as set forth in the Staff Report, subject to the following proposed modifications to condition 4 and 17 along with a new proposed condition 4a.

First, horizontal directional drilling is a continuous and uninterrupted process that could exceed 12 hours and go beyond dusk. To accommodate horizontal directional drilling activities, North Coast proposes a minor modification to Condition 4 and a new Condition 4a to further clarify how construction noise from HDD activities will be addressed. The modification and new condition are as follows:

4: General construction activities shall be limited to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., or until dusk when sunset occurs after 7:00 p.m. Impact pile driving and hoe ram operations, rock drilling, and blasting operations, if required, shall be limited in areas within 1,000 feet of a commercial, residential, or a small, well-defined outside area (such as a playground, recreation area, outdoor theater, or other places of public assembly) to the hours between 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Construction activities that do not involve noise increases above ambient levels

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at sensitive receptors *and horizontal directional drilling activities* are permitted outside of daylight hours when necessary. The Applicant shall notify property owners or affected tenants, within the meaning of Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(3), of upcoming construction activities, including potential for nighttime construction activities.

4a. For HDD activities that will occur outside of daylight hours, the Applicant shall provide a noise study to Staff no less than ten days prior to the commencement of the activity that confirms that noise from HDD activity would not increase ambient local traffic and community noise at the nearest residence or occupied structure by more than 5 dBA. The noise study shall include a baseline establishment of the actual local ambient noise levels and information on the decibel levels associated with the operation of each type of HDD equipment to be used for the project. The noise study shall also provide mitigation details (including but not limited to: mufflers, shielding and/or enclosing drilling, etc.) for the HDD equipment. During construction the Applicant shall monitor noise levels during HDD operations. The data from that monitoring shall be provided to Staff.

North Coast also proposes modifying Condition 17 to clarify that in some instances landscaping cannot be replaced and to also provide mitigation language that would require consultation with Staff for instances where landscaping cannot be replaced. The modified condition is as follows:

17. Where it would not interfere with operation and maintenance of the pipeline, the Applicant shall work with affected landowners to replace screening trees which were removed for the project between homes and highways. The Applicant shall also coordinate with land owners to replace private landscaping removed for the project *where possible. If landscaping vegetation cannot be replaced, the Applicant shall propose alternative mitigation measures in consultation with Staff the landowner shall be compensated.*

As indicated above, please accept this correspondence as North Coast's acknowledgement and notice of commitment to follow Staff's recommended conditions 1

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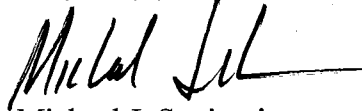
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through 26 of the Staff Report, subject to the above modifications of conditions 4 and 17 with new condition 4a.

Please call me or Michael Calderone, North Coast Gas Transmission, LLC, at 614-505-5418 with any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Settineri", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael J. Settineri

Attorneys for North Coast Gas Transmission, LLC

cc: All parties of record

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