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Regarding: The North Coast – Oregon Lateral Pipeline

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On January 13, 2015, I sent an e-mail to Michael Calderone, the President on the North Coast Pipeline, an outline of two possible alternative routes for the pipeline that would have far less of an impact on our parcels. In one case the proposed route did not involve other property owners than those that are being affected by the planned pipeline path. Our land has water and sewer available and is adjacent to or close to other developed properties.

During the "meeting" Mr. Calderone sought my family out and asked that we meet in a separate room. He then proceeded to lecture my family that there can be no consideration of any other route unless we accept their original monetary offer. The offer was less than \$3.05 for the permanent easement. The appraisals were not for comparable agricultural land that has sold in the area over that last two years nor for land that has development possibilities. The terms of this offer did not have and assurances to repair the field drainage tile, or cover any crop losses that may occur during and after the pipeline's construction. This offer did not state that the topsoil would be segregated and returned.

Mr. Calderone indicated that there would be no possibly of revising the pipeline route. He gave us the impression that he has no desire to work with landowners and is unwilling to listen to any suggestions from them. We were told that a longer route would affect his company's bottom line and project costs. He over exaggerated the pressure loss that would be caused by any additional pipeline length and addition of pipe elbows.

It is our feeling that Condition 21 of the OPSB Staff Report of Investigation for the pipeline's approval is not being taken by the pipeline company.

I do not feel this meeting was what the staff of the OPSB stipulated as a condition of approval for the pipeline.

Submitted by:

Paul Swartz

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From: Puco ContactOPSB
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 4:17 PM
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Subject: RE: Caes number 14-1745

Mr. Swartz,

Thank you for contacting the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) regarding the Oregon Lateral Pipeline project. I will docket your concerns in case number 14-1754-GA-BLN for the Board and staff to review.

I'm sorry to learn that you were disappointed by the format and content of North Coast's public information meeting. In addition to Condition 21 in the staff report, condition 27 in the January 5, 2015 Revisions to the OPSB Staff Report of Investigation requires North Coast to be open and responsive to the concerns of affected landowners, and consider adjusting the route within parcels to address affected landowners' concerns without increasing overall impacts. North Coast must keep the Board's staff informed regarding communications with the affected landowners. Staff is monitoring this issue, and I have shared your concerns with Mr. Calderone. I encourage you to continue your conversation with him at (614) 505-7418. He is anticipating your call.

Regarding field tile and soil-related concerns, Condition 16 in the December 29, 2014 staff report requires the Applicant (North Coast) to "avoid, where possible, or minimize to the maximum extent practicable, any damage to field tile drainage systems, septic systems, wells, and soils resulting from construction, operation, and/or maintenance of the facility in agricultural areas. A log of all in-ground infrastructure damaged by construction, operation, and/or maintenance of the facility shall be maintained with coordinates of each location. Damaged infrastructure shall be promptly repaired to at least original conditions at the Applicant's expense. If applicable, excavated topsoil shall be segregated and restored in accordance with the Applicant's lease agreement with the landowner. Compacted soils shall be plowed or otherwise de-compacted, if necessary, to restore them to original conditions unless otherwise agreed to by the landowner."

Again, I thank you for contacting the Board, and I will docket your comments in the case record. Please continue sharing your concerns with us in the future.

Sincerely,

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