

BEFORE

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of North)
Coast Gas Transmission LLC for a) Case No. 14-1754-GA-BLN
Certificate Relative to the Oregon Lateral)
Pipeline.)

ENTRY

The Ohio Power Siting Board finds:

- (1) North Coast Gas Transmission LLC (North Coast) and Generation Pipeline LLC (Generation Pipeline) are persons as defined in R.C. 4906.01.
- (2) R.C. 4906.04 provides that no person shall construct a major utility facility in the state without obtaining a certificate for the facility from the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board).
- (3) R.C. 4906.03(F) requires the Board to adopt rules to provide for an accelerated review of an application for a construction certificate for a gas pipeline that is not more than five miles in length or is primarily needed to meet the requirements of a specific customer or specific customers. The statute specifies that the Board must adopt rules that provide for the automatic certification of such pipelines when the application is not suspended by the Board, administrative law judge, or chairperson or executive director of the Board for good cause shown, within 90 days of submission of the application. If an application is suspended, the Board shall approve, disapprove, or modify and approve the application not later than 90 days after the date of the suspension.
- (4) On October 7, 2014, North Coast filed a letter of notification application for the purpose of constructing the Oregon Lateral Natural Gas Pipeline (Oregon Lateral or project) in Wood and Lucas counties, Ohio. In the application, North Coast stated that the proposed pipeline would be approximately 22 miles in length and provide natural gas from Maumee to Oregon for the operation of the Oregon Clean Energy Center (OCEC). North Coast asserted that the project qualified for the Board's letter of notification process, because the project is primarily needed to meet the requirements of a specific customer or specific

customers and, therefore, satisfies the criteria set forth in R.C. 4906.03(F). North Coast explained that the project is primarily needed to meet the needs of a specific customer, OCEC, and the purpose of the project is to transport natural gas to OCEC.

- (5) On January 6, 2015, North Coast's letter of notification for the Oregon Lateral was automatically approved by the Board, pursuant to the accelerated review process set forth in R.C. 4906.03(F).
- (6) On February 17, 2016, in accordance with R.C. 4906.04, North Coast and Generation Pipeline filed a joint application to assign the certificate issued in this case for the Oregon Lateral from North Coast to Generation Pipeline.¹ In support of the joint application, North Coast and Generation Pipeline represent that the project will continue to be subject to the Board's jurisdiction and the terms and conditions in the Staff Report filed on December 29, 2014, as amended on January 5, 2015, and additional correspondence in the docket related to project conditions. According to the joint application, Generation Pipeline, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of North Coast, intends to own and operate the Oregon Lateral for the purpose of transporting and supplying natural gas to OCEC, once construction of the project is complete, pursuant to a transportation service agreement that will be assigned by North Coast to Generation Pipeline. Additionally, Generation Pipeline agrees, in the joint application, to abide by all of the terms and conditions that are applicable to the project, as required by R.C. 4906.04.
- (7) On March 3, 2016, North Coast and Generation Pipeline filed proof of service, which represents that they have notified all of the public officials and libraries in the project area regarding the nature of the transfer request.
- (8) R.C. 4906.04 provides that a certificate may be transferred, subject to the approval of the Board, to a person that agrees to comply with the terms, conditions, and modifications contained in the certificate.

¹ On September 23, 2015, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio approved Generation Pipeline's request for authority to operate as a natural gas company in the state of Ohio, with Generation Pipeline's proposed tariff to be addressed by subsequent order. *In re Generation Pipeline LLC*, Case No. 15-1104-GA-ACE, Finding and Order (Sept. 23, 2015) at 5-6.

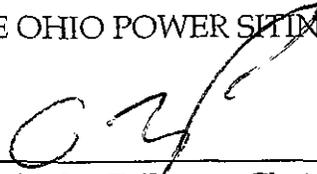
- (9) Upon consideration of the application to transfer the certificate for the Oregon Lateral from North Coast to Generation Pipeline, the Board finds that the application is reasonable and should be granted in accordance with R.C. 4906.04.

It is, therefore,

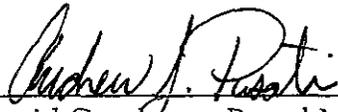
ORDERED, That the application to transfer the certificate from North Coast to Generation Pipeline be granted in accordance with finding (9). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.

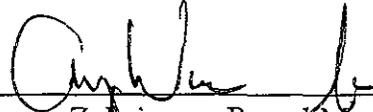
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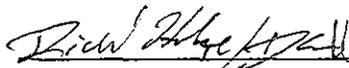
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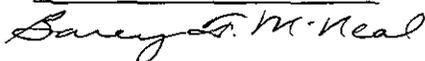
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