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Ms. Barcy F. McNeal Director, Office of Administration Ohio Power Siting Board 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: OPSB Case No. 18-0291-GA-BNR

In the Matter of the Construction Notice Application by Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Center Ridge Road Replacement Project.

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Pursuant to Ohio Admin. Code 4906-6-03(A), Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia") submits this pre-application notification letter to the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). On or about February 19, 2018, Columbia intends to file a Construction Notice in this docket concerning a proposed pipeline replacement referred to as the Center Ridge Road Replacement Project (the "Project") in the City of Westlake, Ohio in Cuyahoga County.

Columbia requests the 90-day accelerated review under Ohio Admin. Code Chapter 4906-6. The Project meets the requirements for accelerated review as a Construction Notice under Ohio Admin. Code 4906-6-01, Appendix B because it is a replacement of gas pipeline facilities less than one mile in length as well as a replacement or relocation of gas pipeline facilities where the project is required by publicly funded entities and is located on or adjacent to new right-of-way owned by the public entity requiring the project.

Columbia will begin construction on or about May 29, 2018 and Columbia expects an in-service date on or about September 28, 2018. Pursuant to Ohio Admin. Code 4906-06-11, Columbia will file a timely notice of construction ending with the OPSB.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

<u>/s/ Joseph M. Clark</u>

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