

JEROME TOWNSHIP
UNION COUNTY, OHIO
RESOLUTION No. 20-001

The Board of Township Trustees, Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio (the "Board"), met in regular session on January 7, 2020, at the Jerome Township Hall, 9777 Industrial Parkway, Plain City, Jerome Township, Ohio 43064, with these members present: Joe Craft, C.J. Lovejoy, and Megan Sloat.

Mr. Craft introduced this resolution and moved its passage:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERVENTION IN THE MATTER OF COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO'S LETTER OF NOTIFICATION FOR THE MARYSVILLE CONNECTOR PIPELINE PROJECT, BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD, CASE No. 19-2148-GA-BLN ON BEHALF OF JEROME TOWNSHIP, UNION COUNTY, OHIO.

WHEREAS, Jerome Township Trustees have been served with a copy of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.'s Letter of Notification in Ohio Power Siting Board Case No. 19-2148-GA-BLN by U.S. mail to its Trustees by letters dated December 20, 2019 and supplemented by a letter dated December 24, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Gas of Ohio published its Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility in the Marysville Journal Tribune December 23, 2019 edition ; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Marysville Connector Pipeline Project is in part located within Jerome Township; and

WHEREAS, the board of township trustees is the principal executive office of the township and is responsible for land use planning through zoning in the township; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Township Trustees, Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio, are entitled to receive service of a copy of Columbia Gas of Ohio's application in Case No. 19-2148-GA-BLN under R.C. §4906.06(B); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees, Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio, has responsibility for leadership and guidance for the residents regarding land use planning through zoning, not only to support existing business and industry but also to attract new economic investment; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Township Trustees has determined that Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio, faces an imminent shortfall in natural gas capacity;

Based upon the foregoing, this Board of Township Trustees FINDS

- A. That this Board has a particular perspective on matters related to the land use planning in Jerome Township and the impact of the proposed Project; and
- B. That this Board can contribute to a just and prompt resolution of the issues involved in this proceeding without unduly delaying or prejudicing any existing party; and
- C. That this Board has valuable and relevant experience and knowledge regarding land use planning in Jerome Township as relates to this matter, including whether the

Project as proposed is in the public interest, and whether the Project meets the current and future needs of a region, including Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio, with constrained natural gas capacity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, JEROME TOWNSHIP, UNION COUNTY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio, through this Board of Township Trustees, shall intervene in Ohio Power Siting Board Case No. 19-2148-GA-BLN, involving the Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.'s Letter of Notification regarding the proposed Marysville Connector Pipeline Project.

Section 2. The Board approves and ratifies the Notice of Intervention filed on its behalf by the Office of the Union County Prosecuting Attorney, as legal counsel to Jerome Township.

Section 3. The then current president or other member of this Board, as designated from time to time is authorized to sign documents as may be necessary and appropriate for the prompt and efficient presentation of the Township's position.

Section 4. The Board finds and determines that all of its formal actions concerning and relating to adopting this Resolution occurred in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements including Revised Code §121.22.

Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion and after discussion, the chair called a roll call vote, and the results were:

Megan Sloat	C.J. Lovejoy	Joe Craft
<u>Yes</u> No	<u>Yes</u> No	<u>Yes</u> No

Passed: January 7, 2020

ATTEST: _____
Robert Caldwell, Fiscal Officer

BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
JEROME TOWNSHIP
UNION COUNTY, OHIO

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Approved as to Form: Thayne D. Gray
Thayne D. Gray, Asst. Pros. Atty.

FISCAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Township Trustees' Resolution 20-001 adopted on January 7, 2020.

Date: January 7, 2020 Robert Caldwell
Robert Caldwell, Fiscal Officer

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Case No(s). 19-2148-GA-BLN

Summary: Exhibit Exhibit to Notice to Intervene filed December 31 - Jerome Twp Trustees Resolution Approving Intervention electronically filed by Thayne D Gray on behalf of Board of Township Trustees, Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio