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June 1, 2020

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Honorable Administrative Law Judges Agranoff and Sandor
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Legal Department
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Subject: Accelerated Application for Certificate, Suspended
Case: Marysville Connector Pipeline Project
Case Number: 19-2148-GA-BLN

Dear Ms. Thompson, Honorable Sandor, and Honorable Agranoff:

On December 20, 2019, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (“Applicant”) filed case number 19-2148-GA-BLN in relation to its proposed Marysville Connector Pipeline Project. As an accelerated project and in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4906-6-10, this project initially was subject to a March 20, 2020 automatic approval date.

However, on March 17, 2020, an administrative law judge tolled the time period for automatic approval of this project and other accelerated projects during the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 2020-01D. (See case number 20-601-GE-UNC, the “Tolling Directive”). On May 20, 2020, the administrative law judge modified the Tolling Directive, finding that the tolling provisions should be terminated effective June 1, 2020, thereby subjecting this matter to an automatic approval date of June 3, 2020, unless suspended.

This letter is to inform you that Staff recommends the above referenced accelerated application be suspended. Additional time will provide stakeholders with the opportunity to resolve concerns to ideally result in an amicable and expeditious resolution of the matter. Furthermore, suspension of the automatic approval date will provide the Applicant with the ability to provide further information relevant to the demonstration of need for the project, pursuant to R.C. 4906.10(A)(1).

Respectfully submitted,

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Summary: Correspondence regarding staff recommendation to suspend accelerated application electronically filed by Mr. Matt Butler on behalf of Staff of OPSB