# **CONSTRUCTION NOTICE**

For

Line A – Howell to Wilberforce Pipeline Replacement: Cedarville Quarry Relocation

**Greene County** 

**Ohio Power Siting Board** 

Case No. 21-572-GA-BNR

Submitted By:

Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Ohio

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June 2, 2021

Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Tanowa Troupe Administration/Docketing Ohio Power Siting Board 180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

#### Re: Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Ohio Construction Notice, Case No. 21-572-GA-BNR

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case is a copy of the Letter of Construction Notice of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Ohio ("Vectren") for Line A – Howell to Wilberforce Pipeline Replacement: Cedarville Quarry Relocation Village of Cedarville, Green County, Ohio. Vectren is proposing to replace an existing pipeline due to material defects in the existing pipe and relocate a 1,600-foot section of pipeline from the north side of the Martin Marietta Quarry approximately 200 feet further north.

Vectren makes the following declarations pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-6-05(A):

Name of Applicant:	Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Ohio 120 West Second Street Dayton, OH 45402	
Name/Location of		
<b>Proposed Facility:</b>	Line A – Howell to Wilberforce Pipeline Replacement: Cedarville	
	Quarry Relocation, Village of Cedarville, Green County, Ohio	
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#### **Authorized Representative**

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- **Notarized Statement:** The Affidavit of Richard C. Leger on behalf of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Ohio will be filed.

Sincerely on behalf of VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF OHIO, INC. D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY OHIO

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Devin D. Parram

Enclosure

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## GLOSSARY

MAOP: Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure	4
ODNR: Ohio Department of Natural Resources	8
OEPA: Ohio Environmental Agency	7
OHPO: Ohio Historic Preservation Office	6
psig: Pounds per Square Inch Gauge	4
ROW: Right-of-Way	5
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# **4906-11-02 Construction Notice Requirements**

#### 4906-6-05 GENERAL INFORMATION

#### 4906-6-05(B)(1)(a): Name and Reference Number

Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Ohio ("**Vectren**") is applying for a Construction Notice for a pipeline replacement project located in Greene County, Ohio. The name of the project is the Line A – Howell to Wilberforce Pipeline Replacement: Cedarville Quarry Reroute ( the "Project").

#### 4906-6-05(B)(1)(b): Brief Description of Project

The Project is approximately 1,600 feet long and is part of a much larger pipeline replacement project along Line-A which is approximately 30 miles in length.<sup>1</sup> Vectren intends to perform approximately 9 miles of replacement work along a section of Line A ("Howell to Wilberforce Replacement"). The Howell to Wilberforce Replacement spans from Wilberforce University through the Village of Cedarville to Howell. The vast majority of the Howell to Wilberforce Replacement is not subject to the Ohio Power Siting Board's ("OPSB") jurisdiction because it constitutes the replacement of an existing facility with a like facility. *See* R.C. 4906.04; and O.A.C. 4906-1-01(HH). However, an approximately 1,600 feet section of the Howell to Wilberforce Replacement will require OPSB approval because this section involves the relocation of pipeline to an area outside the existing right-of-way. This 1,600 feet, which begins at Station 297+00 and extends to Station 317+00, is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Vectren filed an application in Case No. 21-0089-GA-BNR regarding the relocation and replacement of 1,100 feet of pipeline regarding a separate section of Line A. This application was automatically approved on April 2, 2021.

the subject of this construction notice ("CN"). The Project is located adjacent to an active aggregate quarry. A project location map is included as **Appendix A**.

The Project will replace an existing pipeline due to material defects in the existing pipe and relocate a section of pipeline from the north side of the Martin Marrieta Quarry, approximately 200 feet further north. The relocated pipeline will also be 20-inches in diameter and will maintain the same maximum allowable operating pressure ("MAOP") as the existing pipeline.

The pipeline will be installed by open cut construction methods. The pipeline corridor consists of an existing permanent 50-foot easement and an additional 25-foot temporary easement on one side of the permanent easement for a total of 75 feet for construction.

An environmental study was completed within a 100-foot wide corridor centered upon the proposed alignment to determine the potential impacts to wetlands, streams, and vegetated communities.

#### 4906-6-05(B)(1)(c): Why the Project Meets the Requirements for CN

The Project falls under the jurisdiction of the OPSB as a CN; it meets the criteria listed in Appendix B [1(b)] of O.A.C. 4906-1-01 because it is a relocation of a gas pipeline or pipeline segment not greater than one-mile in length. The pipeline will be wholly owned and operated by Vectren. The primary purpose of the facility is to upgrade and modernize an aging pipeline.

#### 4906-6-05(B)(2): Statement of Need for the Proposed Facility

The Project is part of a larger existing pipeline known as Line A, which was installed circa 1952. This larger pipeline extends approximately 30 miles in length from its origin at

the transmission interconnect facility at the Yankee Station to a meter and regulating station east of Cedarville. Much of this line suffers from material defects. These defects were identified during In Line Inspection ("ILI") procedures. To this effect, Vectren has chosen to retrofit or replace much of Line A. Vectren previously discussed the particular need for retrofits and replacements along Line A in a separate OPSB application (Case No. 21-0089-GA-BNR), which was automatically approved by the OPSB on April 2, 2021.

#### 4906-6-05(B)(3): Location of the Project

This is a linear pipeline project approximately 1,600 feet long. There is not a single street address for this project. The project is located in Cedarville, Greene County.

Below are coordinates of the west end of the project and the east end of the project.

Begin Relocation Coordinates N 39° 44' 28.13" / W 83° 47' 25.84"

End Relocation Coordinates N 39° 44' 36.67" / W 84° 47' 4.73"

In addition, a project location map is included as Appendix A.

#### 4906-6-05(B)(4): Alternatives Considered

No alternatives have been proposed as this project is largely a replacement of an existing pipeline. This section of pipeline will be replaced and relocated due to material defects found on the pipeline during ILI.

#### 4906-6-05(B)(5): Description of Public Information Program

Vectren previously sent letters to each affected property owner, notifying them of the Project, and has attempted to personally contact each property owner to setup a meeting to discuss the project parameters. A list of all property owners is included as **Attachment B**. Furthermore, copies of the following model letters are included as listed below in **Attachment C**:

- A copy of the model public information letter that was sent to affected property owners in compliance with O.A.C. 4906-6-05(B)(5).
- A copy of the model letter that will be sent to landowners and tenants at least seven (7) days prior to work on the affected property as required by O.A.C. 4906-6-11(C).

#### 4906-6-05(B)(6): Anticipated construction schedule, in-service date

Construction activities are expected to commence in mid to late June 2021. Vectren

intends to place the line back into service in September 2021.

#### 4906-6-05(B)(7): Project Area Map and Directions

A map of the project is included as **Attachment D**. This map contains an overview of the project at a scale of 1:24,000 and depicts the centerline of the pipeline, roads, highways, and municipalities.

#### 4906-6-05(B)(8): Property Owner List

The Project is located within existing easements owned by Vectren. There are two (2) parcels associated with this Project. All two parcels are associated with the quarry. As mentioned above, a property owner list is included as **Attachment B**.

#### <u>4906-6-05(B)(9)(a): Operating Characteristics, Required Structures, and Right-of-</u> <u>Way and/or Land Requirements</u>

- *Pipeline MAOP:* The maximum allowable operating pressure will be 500 psig.
- *Pipe Material*: The proposed pipeline will be 20-inch nominal diameter, fusion bonded-epoxy coated ("FBE"), API-5L Grade X60 (60,000 psi yield strength) steel pipe with 0.344-inch wall thickness. All bores (horizontal directional drilling, conventional, or slick) will have an additional 30 mils of abrasion-resistant overcoating ("ARO") over top of the FBE coating.

- *Structures:* No structures will be constructed as part of the replacement project.
- *Right-of-Way (ROW) and/or Land Requirement:* The proposed project will require additional new easements for the relocation. Vectren is currently working with landowners to finalize easement agreements.

Vectren will abandon an existing section of pipe along the north side of the active quarry excavation. The pipeline easement will be relocated north, closer to Barber Road.

#### 4906-6-05(B)(9)(b): Electric and Magnetic Fields

Since this is a natural gas pipeline this section does not apply.

#### 4906-6-05(B) (9)(c): Estimated Capital Costs

The estimated capital cost of the Project is \$573,000.

#### 4906-6-05(B)(10)(a): Land Use

The Project is located in Greene County, east of Cedarville. Land use associated with the project area consists primarily of agriculture.

Population density per square mile for the pipeline location has been provided in Table 1 below.

Location	Population Density per Square Mile
Greene County	356
City of Cedarville	3,139

TABLE 1: POPULATION ESTIMATE, 2010 U.S. CENSUS DATA

#### 4906-6-05(B)(10)(b): Agricultural Land

The Project is located within an area managed and maintained within the quarry boundaries. No agricultural land will be impacted as a result of the Project.

#### 4906-6-05(B)(10)(c): Archeological and Cultural Resources

Utilities Technologies International ("UTI") reviewed the Project corridor for the potential for archeological and cultural resources. The entire project corridor is an active pipeline easement adjacent to a an aggregate quarry and has been regularly maintained with vegetation clearing.

On February 26, 2021, UTI sent a Request for Section 106 Review package via electronic mail to the Ohio Historic Preservation Office ("OHPO") (*OHPO*) – Office of Resource Protection and Review. The submittal was for the complete Howell to Wilberforce Replacement, which included this particular Project. On March 8, 2021 UTI received a response from Nathan Long – Project Reviews Manager. Mr. Long stated that the agencies records indicate that the overall Howell to Wilberforce Replacement project area has not been surveyed and that a large number of potential historical sites have been identified in the area. Mr. Young recommends that a preliminary archaeological survey be conducted within the project area.

OHPO did not specifically separate the 1,600 ft. at issue in the Project from the overall Howell to Wilberforce Replacement. Given that the reroute is located within a managed aggregate quarry, historical or archaeological sites do not likely exist. As such, Vectren does not plan on conducting further surveys or studies. OHPO correspondence is included as **Attachment F**.

#### <u>4906-6-05(B)(10)(d): List of Governmental Agencies Which Have Requirements to be</u> <u>met by the Project</u>

Local, state and Federal agencies with requirements anticipated for the Project are outlined in Table 2, along with references to applicable documentation provided as attachments to this CN.

Vectren anticipates submitting a NOI to the OEPA (*OEPA*) for a General Permit for Stormwater Associated with Construction from Oil and Gas Linear Transmission Line and Gathering Line Installation (OEPA permit number OHCG00001) and General Permit Authorization to Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water (OEPA permit number OHH000003) for the larger nine-mile Howell to Wilberforce project. The Project will be part of this submittal. Vectren will provide a copy of the permits to Staff upon receipt. Vectren requests that the OEPA approval for coverage under these permits be made a condition set forth in the Staff Report.

Name of Agency	Document to be Submitted	Attachment
Ohio History Preservation Office	<ul> <li>March 8, 2021 Cultural Resources Literature Review</li> </ul>	F
US Fish and Wildlife Service	- February 24, 2021 Coordination Request	G-1
US FISH and whome Service	- May 11, 2021 USFWS Response	G-2
	<ul> <li>February 20, 2021 Natural Heritage Data Request</li> </ul>	H-1
Ohio Department of Natural Resources	- May 11, 2021 ODNR Response	H-2
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency	<ul> <li>NOI – General Permit for Stormwater Associated with Construction from Oil and Gas Linear Transmission Line</li> </ul>	To be provided upon receipt

# TABLE 2: LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIESWITH REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET BY THE PROJECT

Name of Agency	Document to be Submitted	Attachment
	and Gathering Line Installation (OHCG00001)	
	- NOI – General Permit Authorization to Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water (OHH000003)	To be provided upon receipt

#### 4906-6-05(B)(10)(e): Federal and State Designated Species

A request for threatened and endangered species coordination was sent to the USFWS (*USFWS*) on February 24, 2021 (Attachment G-1). On March 2, 2021, UTI received a response from the agency. The agency recommends seasonal tree clearing to protect endangered bat habitat. In addition, the USFWS recommends avoiding and minimizing impacts to streams and wetlands. The coordination letter has been provided as Attachment G-2.

Environmental Review Requests were made to the ODNR (*ODNR*) on February 24, 2021<sup>2</sup> (**Attachment H-1**) and again on April 16, 2021 (**Attachment H-2**). A response from ODNR was received from the agency on May 11, 2021 (**Attachment H-3**). The response letter lists several state and federally listed species, including plants, birds, reptiles, mussels, and bats. ODNR comments include the recommendation to conduct seasonal tree clearing to avoid impacts to Indiana Bat and Norther Long Eared Bat potential roost habitat. No potential bat roost trees were identified within the Project corridor.

#### 4906-6-05(B)(10)(f): Areas of Ecological Concern

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The initial Environmental Review Request is dated February 20, 2021. However, the form was submitted to ODNR on February 24, 2021.

UTI completed an environmental survey along the proposed Project corridor in February 2021. These surveys included a wetland delineation and threatened and endangered species survey. The focus of the endangered species survey was to identify potential Indiana and Northern Long-Eared Bat habitat. A map showing the quarry reroute environmental survey and a photograph log are provided as **Attachment I.** No wetlands or streams were identified along the Project corridor.

The federally and state listed endangered Indiana Bat Northern Long-Eared Bat is found in wooded areas under loose tree bark on dead or dying trees during the summer months. During the winter months the bats hibernate in caves and occasionally abandoned mines. These bats also forage in or along edges of forested areas. As part of the survey, potential roost trees ("PRTs") were identified. No PRTs were identified along the project corridor.

A copy of limited construction plans is included as **Attachment E**. Vectren will also submit for coverage under the OEPA's *General Permit Authorization for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity from Oil and Gas Linear Transmission Line and Gathering Line Installation* (OHCG00001). This permit will be submitted to Staff upon receipt.

#### 4906-6-05(B)(10)(g): Any Known Unusual Conditions Resulting in Significant Environmental, Social, Health, or Safety Impacts

There is no known information of any unusual conditions associated with the Project.

#### 4906-6-07 SERVICE AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION OF ACCELERATED CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS

#### 4906-6-07(a)(1): Service of Accelerated Application Upon Officials

Simultaneously with the filing of this accelerated application with the Board, Vectren

has caused a transmittal letter and copy of the application to be delivered to the following

public officials:

#### TABLE 3: GREENE COUNTY AND CEDARVILLE PUBLIC OFFICIALS LIST

Mayor Mike Schweller Village of Cedarville P.O. Box 51 Cedarville, OH 45314 cedarvillevillage@cedarville.us	Stephanie Ann Goff, P.E., P.S. Greene County Engineer 615 Dayton-Xenia Road Xenia, OH 45385
Dick Gould Tom Koogler Rick Perales Greene County Commissioners 35 Greene Street Xenia, OH 45385	Amanda McKay District Administrator Greene County Soil & Water Conservation Physical Address 1363 Burnett Drive Xenia, OH 45385
Rod Johnson, Fiscal Officer Village of Cedarville P.O. Box 51 Cedarville, OH 45314	

A copy of the model transmittal letter is included as Attachment J.

#### <u>4906-6-07(a)(2): Service of Accelerated Application Upon Main Public Libraries of</u> <u>Each Political Subdivision</u>

A copy of this accelerated application is being sent to the Cedarville Community

Library located at 20 South Miller Street, Cedarville, Ohio 45314.

#### 4906-6-07(a)(3): Vectren's Website

A copy of the accelerated application is located on Vectren's web page at www.vectren.com/ohiopipeline.

Further interested persons may contact Thomas Jones, Project Manager, at (937) 440-

1880 or <u>Tom.jones@centerpointenergy.com</u> to obtain either an electronic copy or a paper

copy of this accelerated application.

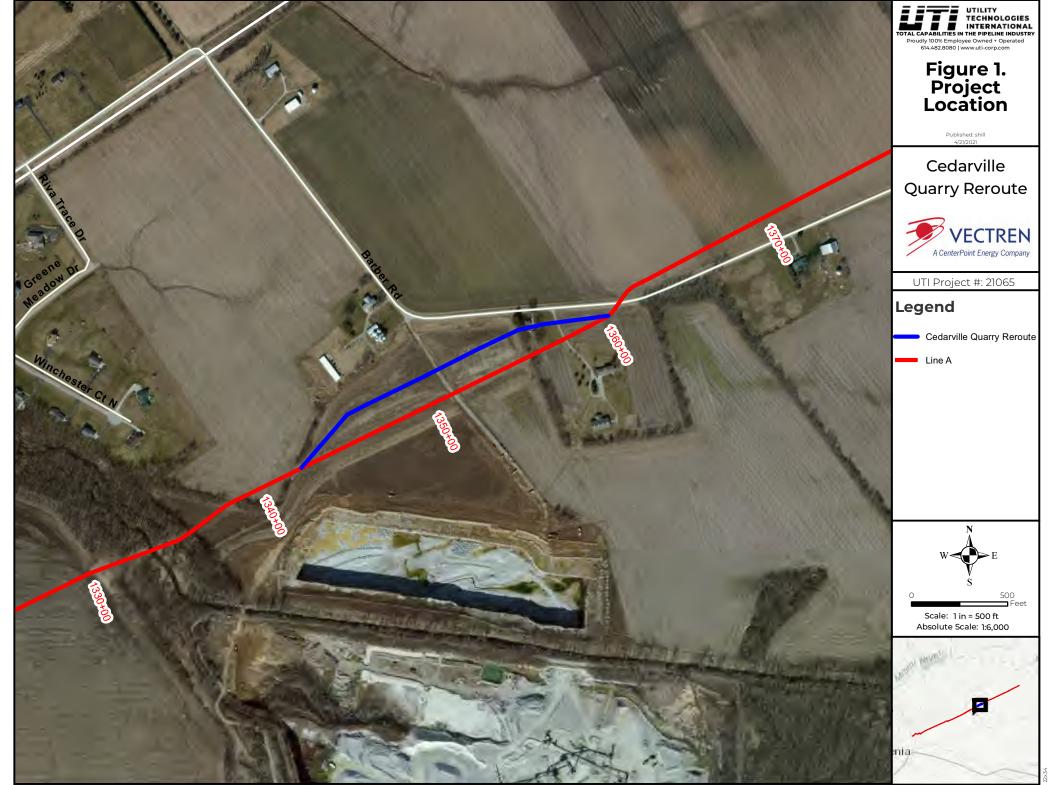
#### 4906-6-07(B): Proof of Compliance

Within seven (7) days of the filing of this accelerated application, Vectren will cause proof of compliance with this requirement to be filed with the Board.

# ATTACHMENT A

# FACILITY LOCATION MAP

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# ATTACHMENT B

### PROPERTY OWNER LIST

Owner Name	Owner Address	Parcel Number
Morton, Charles W. et al	PO Box 8040, Fort Wayne, IN 46898	D08000100100001000
Martin Marietta Real Estate Investments, Inc.	PO Box 8040, Fort Wayne, IN 46898	D08000100100005700

# ATTACHMENT C

## PROPERTY OWNER NOTIFICATION LETTERS

Case No. 21-572-GA-BNR



<DATE>

Dear

#### RE: 20" Line A Replacement Project Cedarville, OH (Green County) OPSB Case #21-572-GA-BNR

Property Owners and Tenants within the route of the proposed project
Property Owners and Tenants who are located contiguous to the proposed site
Property Owners and Tenants of Permanent and Temporary Easements within the planned site:

Property Owners and Tenants of the Existing Right-of-Way Property Owners and Tenants who may be approached for any additional easement necessary for the construction operation or maintenance of the project

Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Ohio ("CenterPoint") takes safety seriously - safety for the public, for our customers, for our employees and for the natural gas infrastructure that serves your community. Therefore, as a part of our commitment to provide you with safe and reliable gas service, we are required to conduct federally-regulated pipeline testing and routine maintenance and replacement/relocation construction. While CenterPoint recognizes that this work can be inconvenient, it is vital for maintaining the integrity of our facilities. We appreciate the support and patience of our customers and the public-at-large.

#### **Project Description**

The Project will replace an existing pipeline due to material defects in the existing pipe and relocate a 1,600-foot section of pipeline from the north side of the Martin Marietta Quarry approximately 200 feet further north. The relocated pipeline will also be 20" in diameter and will maintain the same maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) as the existing pipeline. (See map on reverse).

#### **Tentative Project Timeline**

- Pipeline Construction mid June 2021 to late September 2021
- The Project will be completed within the proposed new 50'-wide right-of-way.
- This project will require that the entire 50-foot-wide right-of-way be cleared of any and all obstructions and encroachments. Therefore, prior to construction, right-of-way clearance will be performed, including the removal of trees, shrubs, decorative or natural landscaping, and all structures within the right-of-way. Right-of-way clearing will also include the removal of fencing that is within, on, or impeding access to the right-of-way. The fencing will be reinstalled at CenterPoint's cost after the completion of construction in a similar or better condition than it exists now.
- Restoration of the project area will be performed by CenterPoint's subcontractor after construction work has been completed and will be subject to weather conditions. This

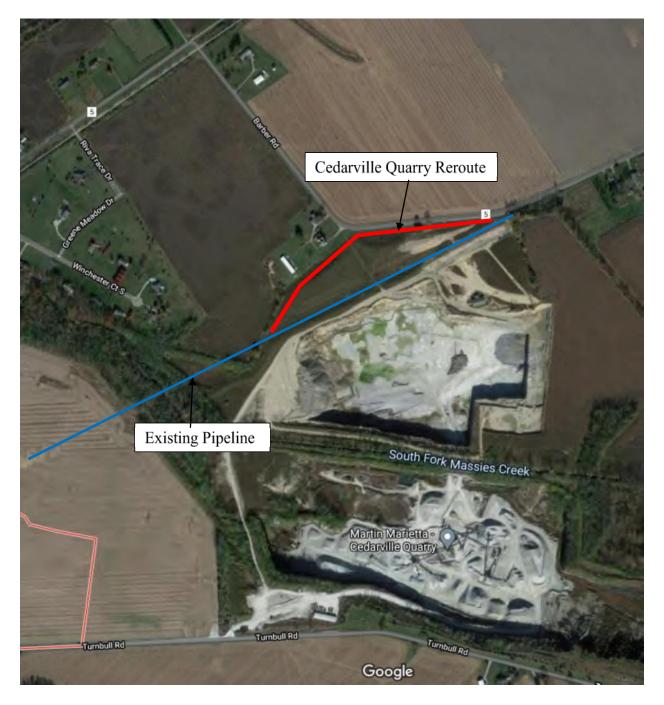
restoration generally includes re-seeding of grassed areas with a standard grass seed mix. Restoration also includes replacement of asphalt to match existing.

For questions, please contact Project Manager Tom Jones at (937) 440-1880 or e-mail at tom.jones@centerpointenergy.com.

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#### **ATTACHMENT C-1**

#### VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF OHIO D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY OHIO 20" LINE A PIPELINE REPLACEMENT - CEDARVILLE QUARRY REROUTE PROJECT MAP



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<DATE>

Property Owner or Affected Tenant Address

RE: Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Ohio – Construction Notification Submittal Line A – Howell to Wilberforce Pipeline Replacement: Cedarville Quarry Relocation, OPSB Case No. 21-572-GA-BNR

Dear Property Owner of Affected Tenant:

As indicated in a prior letter, Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Ohio ("CenterPoint") is planning to replace a portion of an existing 20-inch steel natural gas pipeline in Greene County.

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Project will replace an existing pipeline due to material defects in the existing pipe and relocate a 1,600-foot section of pipeline from the north side of the Martin Marietta Quarry approximately 200 feet further north. The relocated pipeline will also be 20" in diameter and will maintain the same maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) as the existing pipeline.

#### **CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE**

Construction activities are expected to commence in mid June 2021. CenterPoint intends to place the line back into service in late September 2021.

#### RESTORATION

After completion of construction, CenterPoint will restore the affected property to its preconstruction condition as soon as weather allows. CenterPoint expects that all restoration activities will be completed by fall 2021.

#### **TENANTS**

If you have tenants occupying this property, please advise them of this project.

#### **QUESTIONS OR COMPLAINTS**

If you have any questions or complaints during construction and/or restoration, please contact CenterPoint's main office at (800) 227-1376. CenterPoint will make every effort to respond to your questions/complaints in a timely manner and resolve any issues relating to the project.

Sincerely,

VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF OHIO D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY OHIO

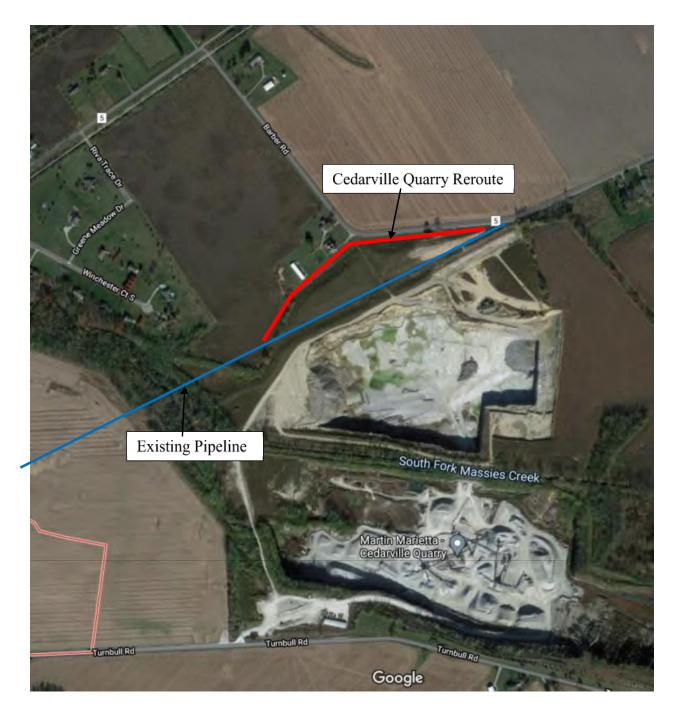
Enclosures:

• Project Map

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#### **ATTACHMENT C-2**

#### VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF OHIO LINE A – HOWELL TO WILBERFORCE PIPELINE REPLACEMENT: CEDARVILLE QUARRY REROUTE PROJECT MAP

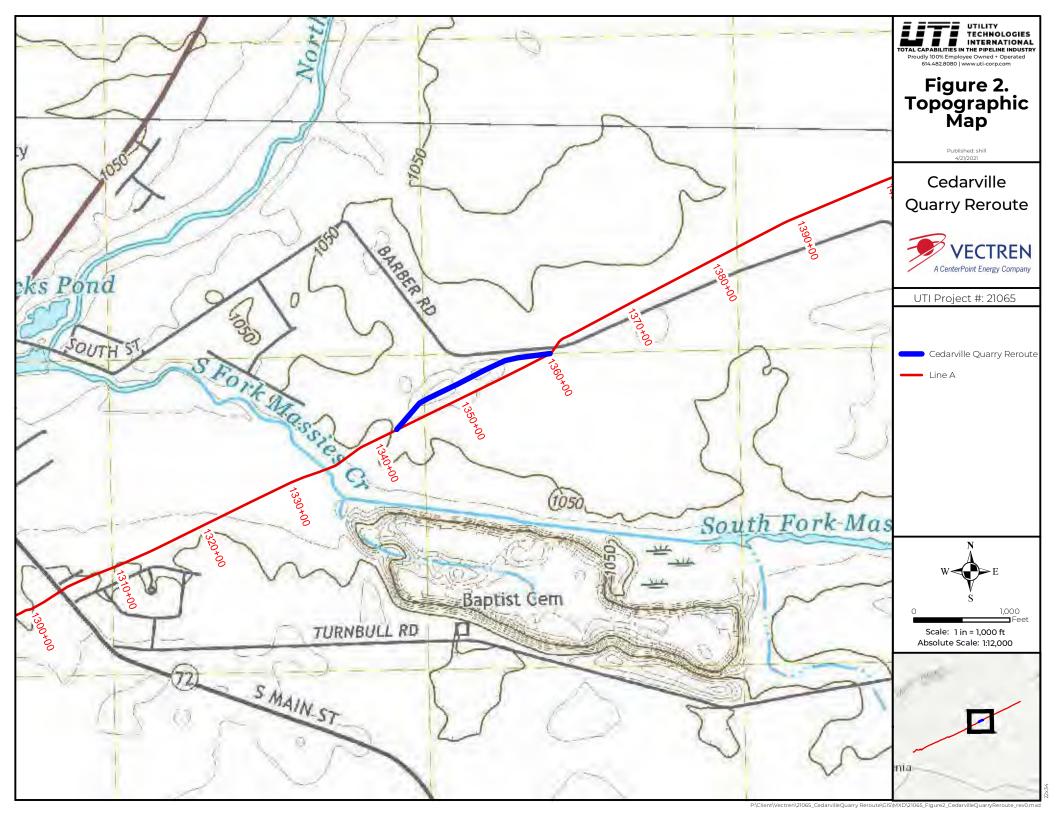


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# ATTACHMENT D

# 1:24,000 PROJECT AREA MAP

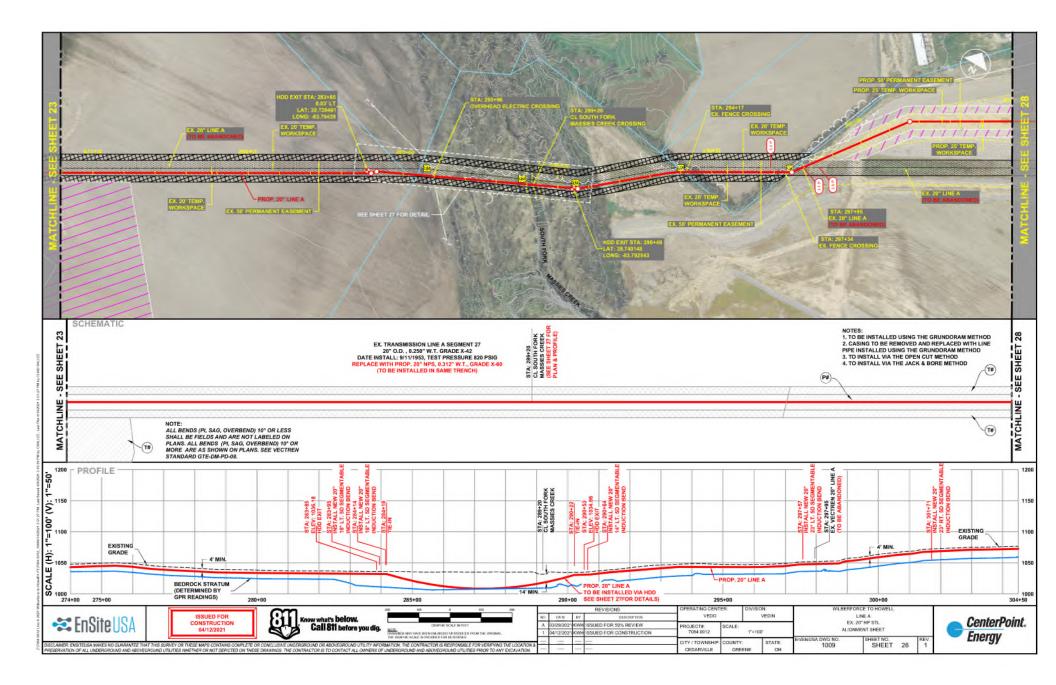
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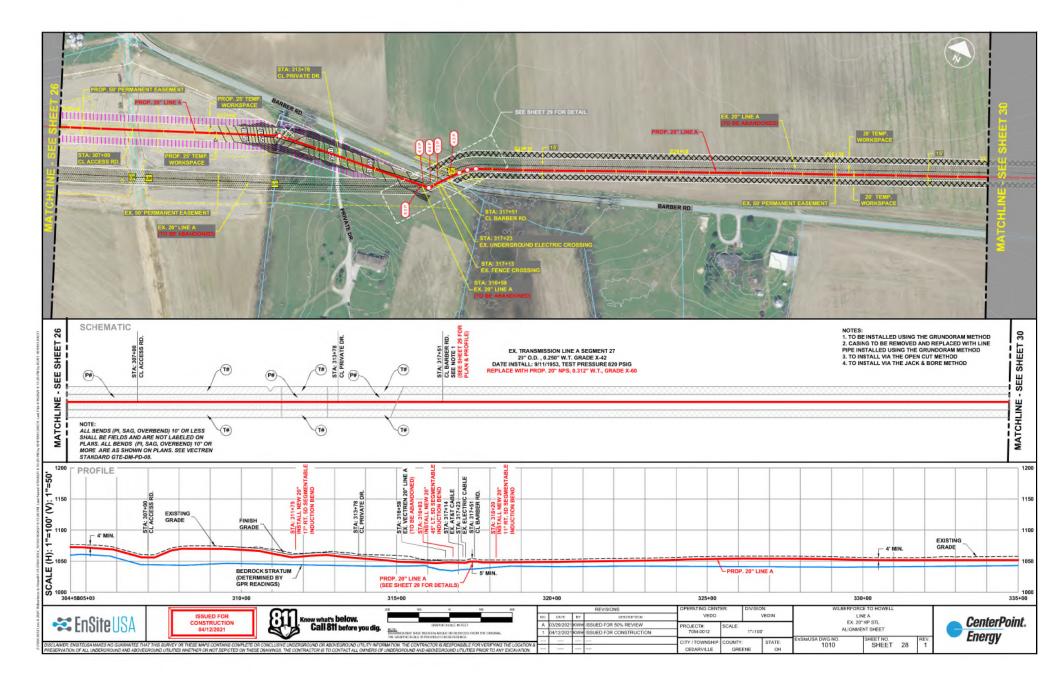


# ATTACHMENT E

# CONSTRUCTION PLANS

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# ATTACHMENT F

# OHIO HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

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March 8, 2021

In refer to 2021-GRE-50767

Sean Peffer Utility Technologies International 5700Homer Ohio Lane Groveport, OH 43125

Dear Mr. Peffer:

#### RE: Wilberforce to Howell Pipeline Replacement, Greene County, Ohio

This is in response to your transmittal of February 16, 2021 concerning the proposed project. The comments of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO) are submitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

The project involves the replacement of approximately 9 miles of gas pipeline near Wilberforce in Greene County, Ohio. A check of our records shows that the project area has not been surveyed and that a large number of sites have been identified near the project area. Given the presence of sites nearby on similar topography, we recommend that a preliminary archaeological survey be conducted to identify sites in this area.

A survey will include a review of records and documents and a field investigation, generally excavation of small subsurface test units or if the ground surface is visible, surface collection. Frequently, enough information is obtained from the survey that the archaeologists can make recommendations on the National Register eligibility of historic properties or recommend further investigation. Additionally, any buildings that appear to be over 50 years old should be documented and evaluated for National Register eligibility. Please coordinate the archaeological survey with the Ohio History Connection and the OHPO.

Please be advised that this is a Section 106 decision. This review decision may not extend to other SHPO programs. If you have any questions, please contact me at (614) 298-2000, or by email at <u>nyoung@ohiohistory.org</u>. Please note the Ohio SHPO now accepts electronic-only submissions for state and/or federal review under Section 106 and ORC 149.53. Please send your submissions to <u>section106@ohiohistory.org</u>. We have also updated our <u>Survey Report Submission Standards</u>.

Sincerely,

Jathon Q. young

Nathan J. Young, Project Reviews Manager Resource Protection and Review

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# ATTACHMENT G

# U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE COORDINATION

#### Sean Peffer

From:	Sean Peffer
Sent:	Wednesday, February 24, 2021 5:12 PM
То:	ohio@fws.gov
Subject:	T&E Species Permit Coordination Request - Vectren Line A Howell to Wilberforce
	Pipeline Replacement
Attachments:	21008_Figure1_LineAHowellWilberforce_rev1.pdf;

To Whom It May Concern,

Utility Technologies International (UTI), on behalf of Vectren – CenterPoint Energy Company (Vectren), is requesting threatened and endangered species coordination for a natural gas pipeline replacement project known as Line A – Howell to Wilberforce Pipeline Replacement Project. Information obtained as part of this coordination will be used in support an U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Nationwide Permit 12 and OEPA Individual 401 Certification.

Vectren is proposing to replace a portion of an existing 20-inch pipeline. The project is approximately 9 miles long and is located in the towns of Wilberforce and Cedarville in Greene County, Ohio. This project will replace an existing pipeline to address material defects.

The project is located in a predominately rural agricultural area with suburban development. The project area is comprised of grass vegetated easements, maintained lawn, agricultural fields, and woodlands. The project will occur on a permanent easement owned by Vectren.

The project will cross ten perennial streams that ultimately flow to Massies Creek. There will be minimal vegetative clearing. Clearing will be limited to shrub and brush that have encroached upon the easement and minimal tree clearing within the temporary construction easement to allow for construction equipment to operate.

Heavy construction equipment will be used to segregate topsoil to the side of the easement, excavate the trench where the old steel pipe is located, remove the pipe, and replace it with new pipe. Equipment used will include large backhoes, bulldozers, welding equipment, hauling trucks, and other equipment.

Attached please find mapping and photographs showing the proposed project location.

Sincerely,

#### SEAN PEFFER, MS, CSP

**Environmental Coordinator** 

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### Sean Peffer

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Ohio, FW3 <ohio@fws.gov> Tuesday, March 2, 2021 11:20 AM Sean Peffer nathan.reardon@dnr.state.oh.us; Parsons, Kate Vectren Line "A" Howell to Wilberforce Pipeline Replacement, Greene County, Ohio



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Ecological Services Office 4625 Morse Road, Suite 104 Columbus, Ohio 43230 (614) 416-8993 / Fax (614) 416-8994



TAILS# 03E15000-2021-TA-0877

Dear Mr. Peffer,

are assumed present.

The U.S Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has received your recent correspondence requesting information about the subject proposal. We offer the following comments and recommendations to assist you in minimizing and avoiding adverse impacts to threatened and endangered species pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq), as amended (ESA).

<u>Federally Threatened and Endangered Species</u>: The endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and threatened northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) occur throughout the State of Ohio. The Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat may be found wherever suitable habitat occurs unless a presence/absence survey has been performed to document absence. Suitable summer habitat for Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats consists of a wide variety of forested/wooded habitats where they roost, forage, and breed that may also include adjacent and interspersed non-forested habitats such as emergent wetlands and adjacent edges of agricultural fields, woodlots, fallow fields, and pastures. Roost trees for both species include live and standing dead trees  $\geq 3$  inches diameter at breast height (dbh) that have any exfoliating bark, cracks, crevices, hollows and/or cavities. These roost trees may be located in forested habitats as well as linear features such as fencerows, riparian forests, and other wooded corridors. Individual trees may be considered suitable habitat when they exhibit the characteristics of a potential roost tree and are located within 1,000 feet of other forested/wooded habitat. Northern long-eared bats have also been observed roosting in human-made structures, such as buildings, barns, bridges, and bat houses; therefore, these structures should also be considered potential summer habitat. In the winter, Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats hibernate in caves, rock crevices and abandoned mines.

Seasonal Tree Clearing for Federally Listed Bat Species: Should the proposed project site contain trees  $\geq$ 3 inches dbh, we recommend avoiding tree removal wherever possible. If any caves or abandoned mines may be disturbed, further coordination with this office is requested to determine if fall or spring portal surveys are warranted. If no caves or abandoned mines are present and trees  $\geq$ 3 inches dbh cannot be avoided, we recommend removal of any trees  $\geq$ 3 inches dbh only occur between October 1 and March 31. Seasonal clearing is recommended to avoid adverse effects to Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats. While incidental take of northern long-eared bats from most tree clearing is exempted by a 4(d) rule (see <a href="http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/mammals/nleb/index.html">http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/mammals/nleb/index.html</a>), incidental take of Indiana bats is still prohibited without a project-specific exemption. Thus, seasonal clearing is recommended where Indiana bats

If implementation of this seasonal tree cutting recommendation is not possible, a summer presence/absence survey may be conducted for Indiana bats. If Indiana bats are not detected during the survey, then tree clearing may occur at any time of the year. Surveys must be conducted by an approved surveyor and be designed and conducted in coordination with the Ohio Field Office. Surveyors must have a valid federal permit. Please note that in Ohio summer mist net surveys may only be conducted between June 1 and August 15.

<u>Section 7 Coordination</u>: If there is a federal nexus for the project (e.g., federal funding provided, federal permits required to construct), then no tree clearing should occur on any portion of the project area until consultation under section 7 of the ESA, between the Service and the federal action agency, is completed. We recommend the federal action agency submit a determination of effects to this office, relative to the Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat, for our review and concurrence. This letter provides technical assistance only and does not serve as a completed section 7 consultation document.

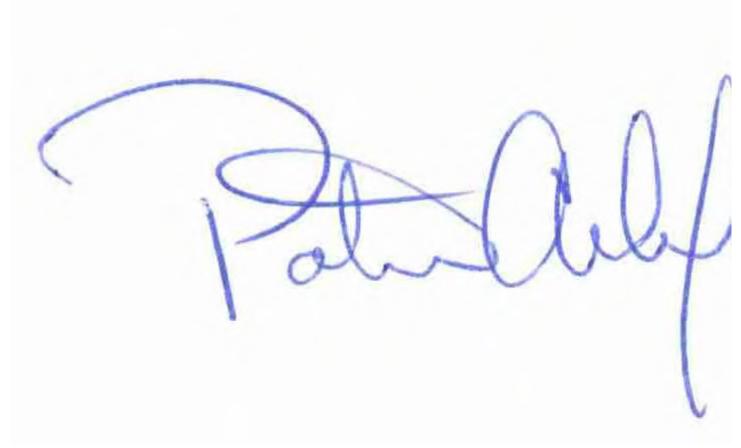
<u>Stream and Wetland Avoidance</u>: Over 90% of the wetlands in Ohio have been drained, filled, or modified by human activities, thus is it important to conserve the functions and values of the remaining wetlands in Ohio (<u>https://epa.ohio.gov/portals/47/facts/ohio\_wetlands.pdf</u>). We recommend avoiding and minimizing project impacts to all wetland habitats (e.g., forests, streams, vernal pools) to the maximum extent possible in order to benefit water quality and fish and wildlife habitat. Additionally, natural buffers around streams and wetlands should be preserved to enhance beneficial functions. If streams or wetlands will be impacted, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers should be contacted to determine whether a Clean Water Act section 404 permit is required. Best management practices should be used to minimize erosion, especially on slopes. Disturbed areas should be mulched and revegetated with native plant species. In addition, prevention of non-native, invasive plant establishment is critical in maintaining high quality habitats.

Due to the project type, size, and location, we do not anticipate adverse effects to any other federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species, or proposed or designated critical habitat. Should the project design change, or additional information on listed or proposed species or their critical habitat become available, or if new information reveals effects of the action that were not previously considered, coordination with the Service should be initiated to assess any potential impacts.

Thank you for your efforts to conserve listed species and sensitive habitats in Ohio. We recommend coordinating with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources due to the potential for the proposed project to affect state listed species and/or state lands. Contact Mike Pettegrew, Acting Environmental Services Administrator, at (614) 265-6387 or at <u>mike.pettegrew@dnr.state.oh.us</u>.

If you have questions, or if we can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact our office at (614) 416-8993 or <u>ohio@fws.gov</u>.

Sincerely,



Patrice Ashfield Field Office Supervisor

cc: Nathan Reardon, ODNR-DOW Kate Parsons, ODNR-DOW

## ATTACHMENT H

### OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COORDINATION



614.482.8080

# MEMORANDUM

To: Ohio Department of Natural Resources

From: Sean Peffer, Environmental Coordinator

Date: February 20, 2021

Subject: Environmental Review Request

### Re: Vectren – CenterPoint Energy Company Line A – Howell to Wilberforce Pipeline Replacement Centerville, Greene County

### **Project Description:**

### 1. Site Location (County, Latitude, Longitude)

This project is located in Wilberforce and Cedarville, Greene County, Ohio. The coordinates for the project starting point is Latitude 39°42'37.91"N / Longitude 83°52'48.71"W.

### 2. Onsite habitats

The project is located in a predominately rural agricultural area with suburban development. The project area is comprised of grass vegetated easements, maintained lawn, agricultural fields, and woodlands. The project will occur on a permanent easement owned by Vectren.

### 3. Proposed Work

Vectren is proposing to replace a portion of an existing 20-inch pipeline. The project is approximately 9 miles long and extends from an area near N. Bickett Road in Wilberforce (west end) to Howell Station at the intersection of Townsley Road and Oglesbee Road (east end). The project will also pass through the town of Cedarville. This project will replace an existing pipeline to address material defects.

Heavy construction equipment will be used to segregate topsoil to the side of the easement, excavate the trench where the old steel pipe is located, remove the pipe, and replace it with new pipe. Equipment used will include large backhoes, bulldozers, welding equipment, hauling trucks, and other equipment.



### 4. Proposed Impacts (in water work, tree clearing, etc.)

The project will cross ten perennial streams that ultimately flow to Massies Creek. There will be minimal vegetative clearing. Clearing will be limited to shrub and brush that have encroached upon the easement and minimal tree clearing within the temporary construction easement to allow for construction equipment to operate.

### 5. Proposed BMP's

A stormwater plan will be developed for this site that will comply with Ohio's Rainwater and Land Development manual. This will include timber mat crossings, BMPs strategically placed to prevent sediment from leaving the easement, stream protection, weekly and storm event inspections, and proper restoration practices.

### Maps that delineate the area of impact or work area:

- 1. Aerial (Figure 1): Attached
- 2. Topographic (Figure 2): Attached

### Photographs:

Attached

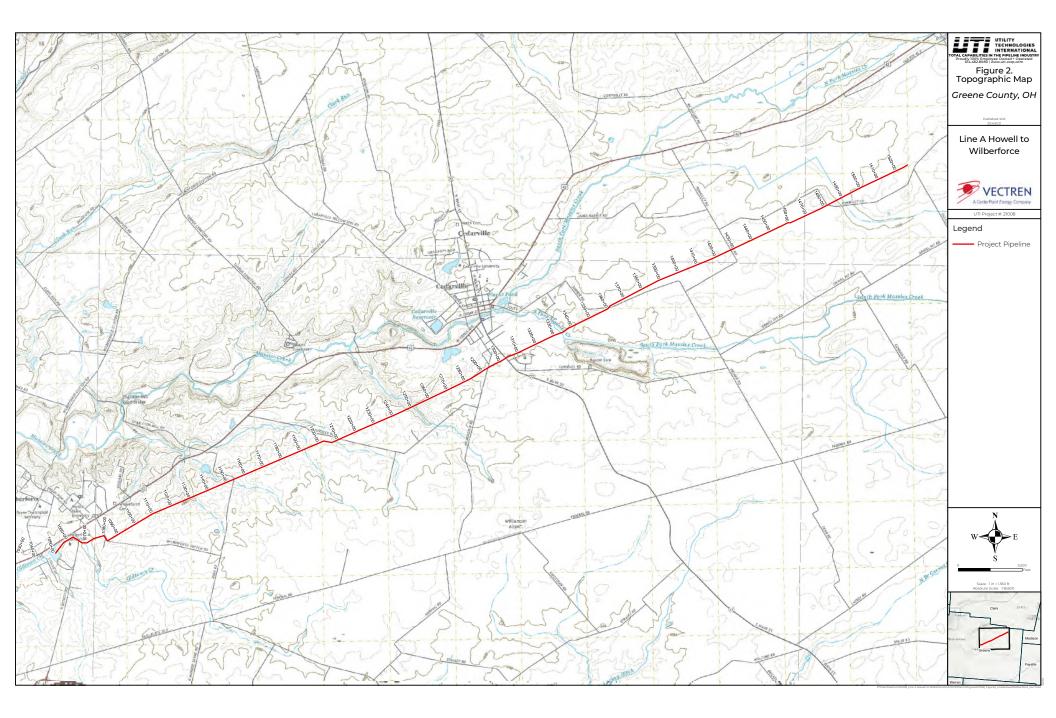
### Shapefiles/KMZ:

Attached

Sean Peffer

Environmental Coordinator **speffer@uti-corp.com** Office: 614-482-8080







## **PROJECT PHOTO LOG**

for

## VECTREN – A CENTERPOINT ENERGY COMPANY'S LINE A YANKEE TO COUNTRYSIDE PROJECT



Photo 1: Beginning of project Sta. 1062+00



Photo 3: View west at Sta. 1069+50 near Stream 1



Photo 5: "Stream 1—Oldtown Creek downstream



Photo 2: View east at Sta. 1069+00



Photo 4: Stream 1 – Oldtown Creek upstream



Photo 6: "Stream 1—Oldtown Creek typical substrate





Photo 7: East view at Stream 2



Photo 9: Stream 2 downstream



Photo 11: Stream 3 upstream



Photo 1.1: IEasement view west near Stream 3



Photo 8: View west of easement at Stream 2



Photo 10: Stream 2 upstream



Photo 12: Stream 3 downstream



Photo 14: Easement view east near Stream 3





Photo 15: Stream 4 upstream



Photo 17: Easement view west near Stream 4



Photo 19: Typical Stream 4 substrate



Photo 22: Stream 5 downstream



Photo 16: Stream 4 downstream



Photo 18: Easement view east near Stream 4



Photo 20: Stream 5 upstream



Photo 22: Easement view west near Stream 5





Photo 23: Easement view east near Stream 5



Photo 25: Stream 6 upstream



Photo 27: View west of easement at Sta. 1150+50



Photo 22: "Stream 7 downstream



Photo 24: Stream 5 typical substrate



Photo 26: Stream 6 downstream toward Nash Rd.



Photo 28: Stream 6 typical substrate



Photo 33: Stream 7 upstream





Photo 31: View west of easement at Stream 7



Photo 33: Stream 7 typical substrate



Photo 35: Stream 8 (Massies Creek) downstream



Photo 33: 'View east of easement near Stream 8



Photo 32: View east of easement from Stream 7



Photo 34: Stream 8 (Massies Creek) upstream



Photo 36: View west of easement near Stream 8



Photo 33: "Stream 8 typical substrate





Photo 39: Stream 9 upstream



Photo 41: View west of easement near Stream 9



Photo 43: Stream 9 typical substrate (note damage from cattle hoof shear)



Photo 44: "Stream 10 downstream



Photo 40: Stream 9 downstream



Photo 42: View east of easement near Stream 9

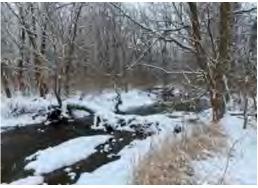


Photo 44: Stream 10 upstream



Photo 44: 'View west of easement from Stream 10





Photo 47: View east of easement from Stream 10



Photo 49: View west of last segment of project easement



Photo 48: Stream 10 typical substrate



Photo 50: Howell Station – terminal point of project

### **ATTACHMENT H-2**

## Ohio Department of Natural Resources



MIKE DEWINE, GOVERNOR

MARY MERTZ, DIRECTOR

Office of Real Estate John Kessler Chief 2045 Morse Road – Bldg. E-2 Columbus, OH 43229 Phone: (614) 265-6621 Fax: (614) 267-4764

May 11, 2021

Sean Peffer Utility Technologies International 4700 Homer Ohio Lane Groveport, OH 43125

Re: 21-0260; Vectron Howell to Wilberforce pipeline replacement

Project: The proposed project involves replacing a portion of an existing 20-inch pipeline.

Location: The proposed project is located in Cedarville, Greene County, Ohio.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) has completed a review of the above referenced project. These comments were generated by an inter-disciplinary review within the Department. These comments have been prepared under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), the National Environmental Policy Act, the Coastal Zone Management Act, Ohio Revised Code and other applicable laws and regulations. These comments are also based on ODNR's experience as the state natural resource management agency and do not supersede or replace the regulatory authority of any local, state or federal agency nor relieve the applicant of the obligation to comply with any local, state or federal laws or regulations.

**Natural Heritage Database**: The Natural Heritage Database has the following records at or within a one-mile radius of the project area:

Tennessee bladder fern (*Cystopteris tennesseensis*), P Black-fruit mountain-rice (*Patis racemosa*), P Arbor vitae (*Thuja occidentalis*), P Western creek chubsucker (*Erimyzon claviformis*), SC Indian Mound Reserve – Greene Co. Park District

The review was performed on the project area you specified in your request as well as an additional one-mile radius. Records searched date from 1980. This information is provided to inform you of features present within your project area and vicinity.

Please note that Ohio has not been completely surveyed and we rely on receiving information from many sources. Therefore, a lack of records for any particular area is not a statement that rare species or unique features are absent from that area. Although all types of plant communities have been surveyed, we only maintain records on the highest quality areas.

Statuses are defined as: E = state endangered; T = state threatened; P = state potentially threatened; SC = state species of concern; SI = state special interest; U = state status under review; X = presumed extirpated in Ohio; FE = federal endangered, and FT = federal threatened.

#### Fish and Wildlife: The Division of Wildlife (DOW) has the following comments.

The DOW recommends that impacts to streams, wetlands and other water resources be avoided and minimized to the fullest extent possible, and that best management practices be utilized to minimize erosion and sedimentation.

The entire state of Ohio is within the range of the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), a state endangered and federally endangered species, the northern long-eared bat (Myotis septentrionalis), a state endangered and federally threatened species, the little brown bat (*Myotis lucifugus*), a state endangered species, and the tricolored bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*), a state endangered species. During the spring and summer (April 1 through September 30), these species of bats predominately roost in trees behind loose, exfoliating bark, in crevices and cavities, or in the leaves. However, these species are also dependent on the forest structure surrounding roost trees. If trees are present within the project area, and trees must be cut, the DOW recommends cutting only occur from October 1 through March 31, conserving trees with loose, shaggy bark and/or crevices, holes, or cavities, as well as trees with  $DBH \ge 20$  if possible. If trees are present within the project area, and trees must be cut during the summer months, the DOW recommends a mist net survey or acoustic survey be conducted from June 1 through August 15, prior to any cutting. Mist net and acoustic surveys should be conducted in accordance with the most recent version of the "OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE GUIDANCE FOR BAT SURVEYS AND TREE CLEARING". https://ohiodnr.gov/static/documents/wildlife/wildlifemanagement/Bat+Survey+Guidelines.pdf

If state listed bats are documented, DOW recommends cutting only occur from October 1 through March 31, however, limited summer tree cutting may be acceptable after consultation with DOW (contact Sarah Stankavich, <u>sarah.stankavich@dnr.state.oh.us</u>).

The DOW also recommends that a desktop habitat assessment, followed by a field assessment if needed, is conducted to determine if there are potential hibernaculum(a) present within the project area. Information about how to conduct habitat assessments can be found in the current USFWS *"Range-wide Indiana Bat Survey Guidelines."* If a habitat assessment finds that potential hibernacula are present within 0.25 miles of the project area, please send this information to Sarah Stankavich, sarah.stankavich@dnr.state.oh.us for project recommendations. If a potential or known hibernaculum is found, the DOW recommends a 0.25-mile tree cutting and subsurface disturbance buffer around the hibernaculum entrance, however, limited summer or winter tree cutting may be acceptable after consultation with DOW. If no tree cutting or subsurface impacts to a hibernaculum are proposed, this project is not likely to impact these species.

The project is within the range of the following listed mussel species. <u>Federally Endangered</u> clubshell (*Pleurobema clava*) rayed bean (*Villosa fabalis*) snuffbox (*Epioblasma triquetra*)

<u>State Threatened</u> black sandshell (*Ligumia recta*) fawnsfoot (*Truncilla donaciformis*)

This project must not have an impact on freshwater native mussels at the project site. This applies to both listed and non-listed species. Per the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (2020), all Group 2, 3, and 4 streams (Appendix A) require a mussel survey. Per the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol,

Group 1 streams (Appendix A) and unlisted streams with a watershed of 5 square miles or larger above the point of impact should be assessed using the Reconnaissance Survey for Unionid Mussels (Appendix B) to determine if mussels are present. Mussel surveys may be recommended for these streams as well. This is further explained within the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol. Therefore, if in-water work is planned in any stream that meets any of the above criteria, the DOW recommends the applicant provide information to indicate no mussel impacts will occur. If this is not possible, the DOW recommends a professional malacologist conduct a mussel survey in the project area. If mussels that cannot be avoided are found in the project area, as a last resort, the DOW recommends a professional malacologist collect and relocate the mussels to suitable and similar habitat upstream of the project site. Mussel surveys and any subsequent mussel relocation should be done in accordance with the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol. The Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (2020) can be found at: http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/portals/wildlife/pdfs/licenses%20&%20permits/OH%20Mussel%20Su rvey%20Protocol.pdf

The project is within the range of the tonguetied minnow (*Exoglossum laurae*), a state threatened fish. The DOW recommends no in-water work in perennial streams from March 15 through June 30 to reduce impacts to indigenous aquatic species and their habitat.

The project is within the range of the eastern massasauga (*Sistrurus catenatus*), a state endangered and a federally threatened snake species. The eastern massasauga uses a range of habitats including wet prairies, fens, and other wetlands, as well as adjacent drier upland habitat. Due to the location, the type of habitat within the project area, and the type of work proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the Kirtland's snake (*Clonophis kirtlandii*), a state threatened species. This secretive species prefers wet fields and meadows. Due to the location, the type of habitat within the project area, and the type of work proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the spotted turtle (*Clemmys guttata*), a state threatened species. This species prefers fens, bogs and marshes, but also is known to inhabit wet prairies, meadows, pond edges, wet woods, and the shallow sluggish waters of small streams and ditches. Due to the location, the type of habitat within the project area, and the type of work proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the lark sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*), a state endangered bird. This sparrow nests in grassland habitats with scattered shrub layers, disturbed open areas, as well as patches of bare soil. These summer residents normally migrate out of Ohio shortly after their young fledge or leave the nest. If this type of habitat will be impacted, construction should be avoided in this habitat during the species' nesting period of May 1 through July 31. If this habitat will not be impacted, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the least bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*), a state threatened bird. This secretive marsh species prefers dense emergent wetlands with thick stands of cattails, sedges, sawgrass or other semiaquatic vegetation interspersed with woody vegetation and open water. If this type of habitat will be impacted, construction should be avoided in this habitat during the species' nesting period of May 1 through July 31. If this type of habitat will not be impacted, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the northern harrier (*Circus hudsonis*), a state endangered bird. This is a common migrant and winter species. Nesters are much rarer, although they occasionally breed in large marshes and grasslands. Harriers often nest in loose colonies. The female builds a nest out of sticks on the ground, often on top of a mound. Harriers hunt over grasslands. If this type of habitat will be impacted, construction should be avoided in this habitat during the species' nesting period of April 15 through July 31. If this habitat will not be impacted, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the upland sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*), a state endangered bird. Nesting upland sandpipers utilize dry grasslands including native grasslands, seeded grasslands, grazed and ungrazed pasture, hayfields, and grasslands established through the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). If this type of habitat will be impacted, construction should be avoided in this habitat during the species' nesting period of April 15 through July 31. If this type of habitat will not be impacted, this project is not likely to impact this species.

Due to the potential of impacts to federally listed species, as well as to state listed species, we recommend that this project be coordinated with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Water Resources: The Division of Water Resources has the following comment.

The local floodplain administrator should be contacted concerning the possible need for any floodplain permits or approvals for this project. Your local floodplain administrator contact information can be found at the website below.

http://water.ohiodnr.gov/portals/soilwater/pdf/floodplain/Floodplain%20Manager%20Community %20Contact%20List\_8\_16.pdf

ODNR appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments. Please contact Sarah Tebbe, Environmental Specialist, at <u>Sarah.Tebbe@dnr.ohio.gov</u> if you have questions about these comments or need additional information.

Mike Pettegrew Environmental Services Administrator (Acting)

## ATTACHMENT I

### ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY MAP & PHOTOGRAPH LOG





## **PROJECT PHOTO LOG**

for

## VECTREN – A CENTERPOINT ENERGY COMPANY LINE A – CEDARVILLE QUARRY PIPELINE REROUTE



Photo 1: View of project corridor looking west from Station 304+00



Photo 3: View of construction easement looking scuth along northern side of easement





Photo 2: View east of project corridor from Station 304+00



Photo 4: View of construction easement looking south along northern side of easement





Photo 5: View north of project corridor near Station 313+00

Photo 6: View southeast of project corridor near Station 313+00



Photo 7: View west of project corridor from Station 310+00



Photo 9: End of pipeline relocation at Station 316+50



Photo 8: View east of project corridor from Station 311+00



Photo 10: View south off project corridor toward active aggregate quarry (Station 306+50)

## ATTACHMENT J

### MODEL GOVERNMENT NOTICE TRANSMITTAL LETTER



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June 2, 2021

Via UPS Ground

<Name> <AGENCY> <STREET ADDRESS> <CITY, STATE ZIP>

### Re: Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Ohio Construction Notice for Line A – Howell to Wilberforce Pipeline Replacement: Cedarville Quarry Reroute Greene County, Ohio, Ohio Power Siting Board Case No. 21-572-GA-BNR

Dear <NAME>:

Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Ohio ("Vectren") is planning to replace an existing pipeline due to material defects in the existing pipe and relocate a 1,600-foot section of pipeline from the north side of the Martin Marietta Quarry approximately 200 feet further north. The pipeline will be installed by open cut construction methods. The pipeline corridor consists of an existing permanent 50-foot easement and an additional 25-foot temporary easement on one side of the permanent easement for a total of 75 feet for construction. The alignment of the new pipeline will deviate from the existing route from Station 297+00 to Station 317+00.

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 4906.03(F)(3), this project falls within the requirements for an accelerated review by the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). Enclosed please find a copy of the Construction Notice application that has been filed today with the OPSB for its review and approval in compliance with Ohio Administration Code Rule 4906-6-07(A)(1).

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Vectren's main office at (800) 227-1376.

Sincerely,

Devin D. Parram

Enclosure: Copy of Construction Notice

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Case No(s). 21-0572-GA-BNR

Summary: Text Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Ohio Construction Notice for Line A – Howell to Wilberforce Pipeline Replacement: Cedarville Quarry Relocation electronically filed by Teresa Orahood on behalf of Devin D. Parram