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Via Electronic Filing

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 3265
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Re: *Application of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. for approval of the alteration of the crossing 145593W by the installation of a 4-inch plastic gas line inserted through 8-inch plastic where Lincoln Street crosses, below grade, the tracks of Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, located in the City of Washington, Washington County Pennsylvania*
Docket No. A-2024-

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed is an Application for the approval of a proposed railroad crossing and alteration in the City of Washington, Washington County, Washington, Pennsylvania, which is submitted pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. 2702(a). As indicated on the attached Certificate of Service, copies have been served in the manner indicated.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to call me at 724-809-0525.

Very truly yours,


Theodore J. Gallagher

enclosure

cc Certificate of Service (via e-mail)

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

In re: Application of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. for approval of the alteration of the crossing 145593W by the installation of a 4-inch plastic gas line inserted through 8-inch plastic where Lincoln Street crosses, below grade, the tracks of Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, located in the City of Washington, Washington County Pennsylvania

Docket No. A-2023-_____

To the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

Pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 2702(a), Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. hereby requests that the Commission issue an Order authorizing Columbia to alter the crossing 145593W by the installation of a 4-inch plastic gas line inserted through 8-inch plastic where Lincoln Street Crosses, below grade, the tracks of Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, located in the City of Washington, Washington County, Pennsylvania. In support of its request, Columbia states as follows:

1. The name and address of applicant are Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc., 121 Champion Way, Suite 100, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania 15317.
2. The name and address of applicant's attorney are Theodore J. Gallagher, 121 Champion Way, Suite 100, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania 15317.
3. Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. ("Columbia") is engaged in the business of selling and distributing natural gas to retail customers within the Commonwealth, and is therefore a "public utility" within the meaning of Section 102 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 102, subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the Commission. Columbia provides natural gas service to approximately 442,000 customers in 26 counties of Pennsylvania, pursuant to certificates of public convenience granted by the Commission.
4. Columbia's alteration to the crossing where Lincoln Street crosses, below grade, the tracks of Allegheny Valley Railroad Company is necessary to continue providing safe, reliable gas service to the City of Washington. (Please see the attached Exhibit A for the exact location of the project.)
5. 4-inch plastic pipe is to be inserted within existing 8-inch plastic pipe in public right of way on Lincoln Street.

6. A design one-call was placed. The following parties may be affected by the proposed alteration of the crossing:

- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
- Allegheny Valley Railroad Company
- Washington County, Pennsylvania
- City of Washington
- Pennsylvania American Water Co.
- Verizon Pennsylvania LLC
- Comcast
- West Penn Power
- Windstream

7. The estimated cost of installing the facilities described in the Application is \$50,000, with an anticipated start date of May 1, 2024. Columbia will be responsible for installing, maintaining, inspecting, and funding said facilities.

8. The alteration is necessary or proper for the following reasons: The existing 8-inch plastic line does not meet current standards for supporting medium pressure and must be abandoned and replaced, since the feed is vital to maintaining Columbia's system and to meet Columbia's system demands. This crossing will eliminate the low pressure feed and convert all surrounding areas to medium pressure.

9. The abandonment and replacement of the existing gas line will not impact rates or service provided to Columbia's customers.

10. The installation of Columbia's facilities will have no impact on the physical integrity of Allegheny Valley Railroad Company tracks or supporting terrain and, as such, compliance with Allegheny Valley Railroad Company construction requirements will be unnecessary.

11. Columbia seeks to cross the facilities of Allegheny Valley Railroad Company at an established public highway-rail crossing and, therefore, requests that the Commission approve Columbia's application without any obligation that Columbia remunerate Allegheny Valley Railroad Company for the privilege of occupying the right of way.

Wherefore, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. requests that the Commission approve its application.

Dated: January 12, 2024

COLUMBIA GAS OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

By: 

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LEGEND

Letter	Description
(a)	Distance from centerline of track to CSX R/W
(b)	Distance from base-of-rail to top-of-casing
(c)	Distance from base-of-ditch to top-of-casing
(d)	Total length of pipe on CSX R/W
(e)	Distance from centerline of nearest track to face of pits at a 90 degree angle to the track(s)
(f)	Distance from top-of-vent pipe to ground surface (4' minimum required)
(g)	Distance from centerline of track to vent pipe at a 90 degree angle to the track(s)
(h)	Theoretical Embankment Line: Starts 12' from centerline of track and extends away from track at a slope of 1.5' over and 1' down
(i)	Carrier pipe diameter
(j)	Casing pipe diameter
(k)	Depth of Launching/Receiving Pit

PIPELINE CONTENT DETAILS

Commodity Description:	Distribution Gas Line
Maximum Operating Pressure:	45 PSIG
Is Commodity Flammable:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

CARRIER/CASING PIPE DETAILS

	Carrier Pipe	Casing Pipe
Pipe Material:	Polyethylene	Polyethylene
Material Specifications & Grade:	MDPE 2406/2708 SDR 11.5	MDPE 2406/2708 SDR 13.5
Specified Minimum Yield Strength:		
Nominal Size Outside Diameter (Inches):	4-inch	8-inch
Wall Thickness (Inches):	0.391 inches	0.639 inches
Type of Seam:	butt-fuse	butt-fuse
Type of Joints:	40' sticks	40' sticks
Tunnel Liner Plates Required:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Cathodic Protection:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Type: _____
Protective Coating:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Type: _____
Temp. Track Support or Rip-Rap Req.:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Must Describe & Show on Dwg.

VERIFICATION

I, Katie Geska, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct (or are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief) and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements made herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4909 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

*Katie Geska*_____

Dated: January 12, 2024

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document upon the participants, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of § 1.54 (*relating to service by participant*).

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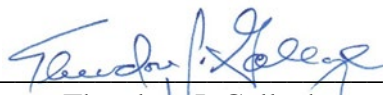
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Dated this 12th day of January 2024