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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 crossing 507756F by the installation of an 8-inch high-density gas line where Second Street crosses, at grade, the tracks of Norfolk Southern Railway located in Charleroi, Washington County Docket No.**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed is an Application for the approval of a proposed railroad crossing at the tracks of Norfolk Southern Railway located in Charleroi, Washington County, 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.

Please contact me at the above phone number should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Theodore J. Gallagher". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Theodore J. Gallagher  
Attorney for  
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.

cc: Certificate of Service

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

In re: Application of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. for approval of the alteration of crossing 507756F by the installation of an 8-inch high-density gas line where Second Street crosses, at grade, the tracks of Norfolk Southern Railway located in Charleroi, Washington County

Docket No.

To the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

Pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. §2702(a), Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (“Columbia”) hereby requests that the Commission issue an Order authorizing Columbia to install an 8-inch high-density gas line where Second Street crosses, at grade, the tracks of Norfolk Southern Railway located in Charleroi, Washington County. 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 445,000 customers in 26 counties of Pennsylvania, pursuant to certificates of public convenience granted by the Commission.
4. Columbia’s alteration to the crossing where Second Street crosses, at grade, the tracks of Norfolk Southern Railway is necessary to continue providing safe and reliable gas service to Charleroi, Pennsylvania. (Please see the attached Exhibit A for the exact location of the project)
5. 8 -inch high-density gas piping inside of 12-inch casing is to be bored in public right of way on Second Street.
6. A design one-call was placed. The following parties may be affected by the proposed alteration of the crossing:

- FirstEnergy Corporation
- Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC
- USIC Locating Services
- Charleroi Borough
- North Charleroi Borough
- Charleroi Authority of the Borough
- Lumen (formerly Level 3)
- Verizon Business (formerly MCI)

7. The estimated cost of installing the facilities described in this Application is \$75,000.00. Columbia will be responsible for installing, maintaining, inspecting, and funding said facilities.

8. The alteration is necessary or proper because replacing the existing aging infrastructure with new industry-grade material will enhance the safety and reliability of Columbia's natural gas system. The existing bare steel line, which operates at low pressure, is nearing the end of its useful life and must be abandoned and replaced. Installing this new main will provide Columbia with vital medium pressure feed to maintain safe and reliable service to customers in Charleroi Borough.

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

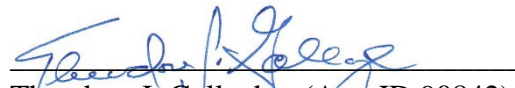
10. The installation of Columbia's facilities will have no impact on the physical integrity of Norfolk Southern Railway's tracks or supporting terrain and, as such, compliance with Norfolk Southern Railway construction requirements will be unnecessary.

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

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

COLUMBIA GAS OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

By:



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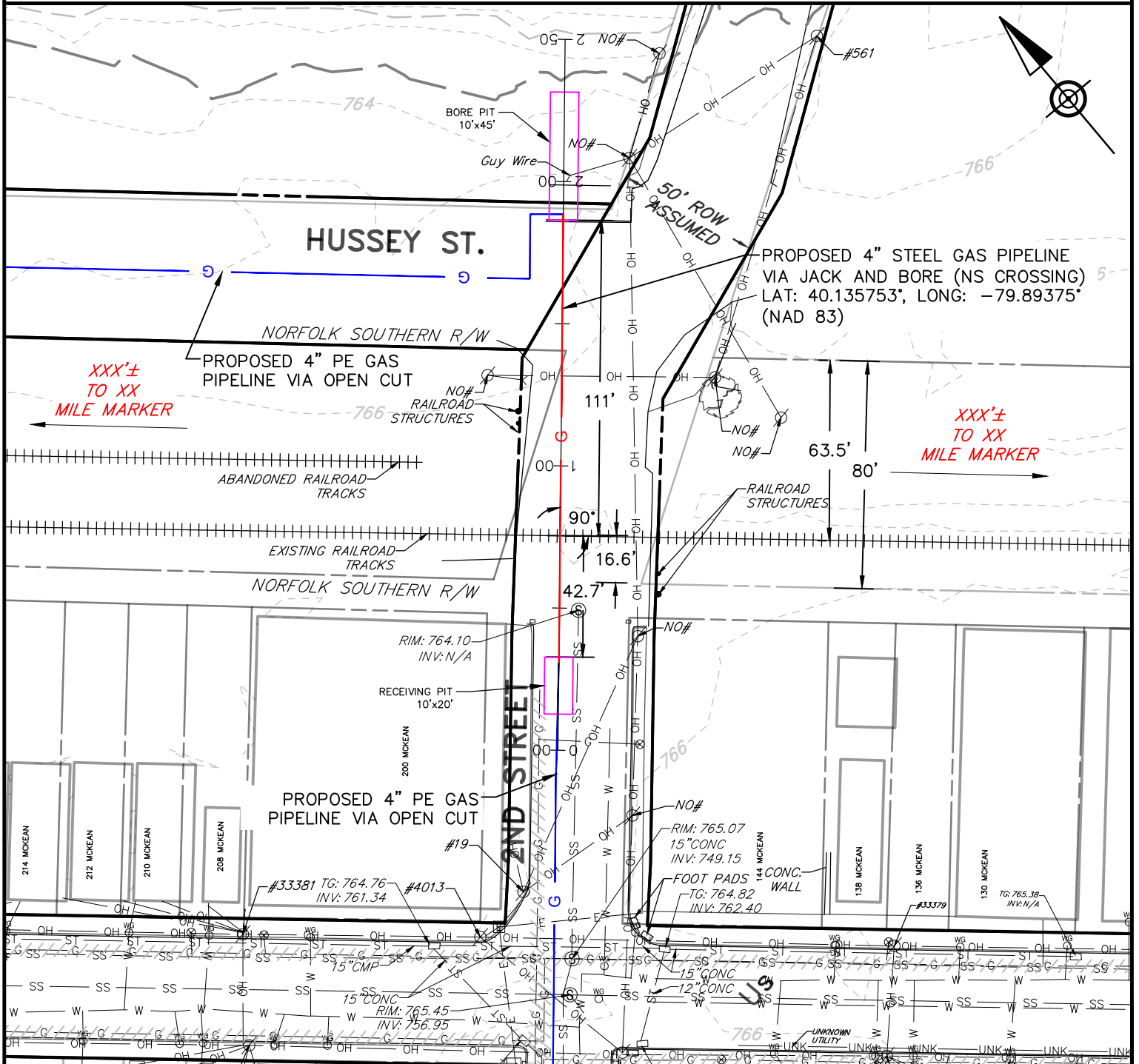
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Dated: October 10, 2024

**NOTES:**

1. ALL PHYSICAL WORK IS TO BE CONDUCTED OUTSIDE OF RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY. PERMIT APPLICATION IS FOR BORE ACTIVITIES UNDER EXISTING FACILITIES.
2. CONTRACTOR SHALL FOLLOW ALL REQUIREMENTS OF NORFOLK SOUTHERN'S NSCE-8 SPECIFICATIONS.
3. PIPELINE AND CROSSING TO BE INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAST APPROVED AMERICAN RAILWAY ENGINEERING AND MAINTENANCE OF WAY ASSOCIATION SPECIFICATIONS FOR PIPELINES CONVEYING FLAMMABLE AND NON-FLAME SUBSTANCES.
4. BLASTING NOT PERMITTED.



**PLAN VIEW OF A PROPOSED PIPELINE CROSSING  
(NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY CROSSING)**



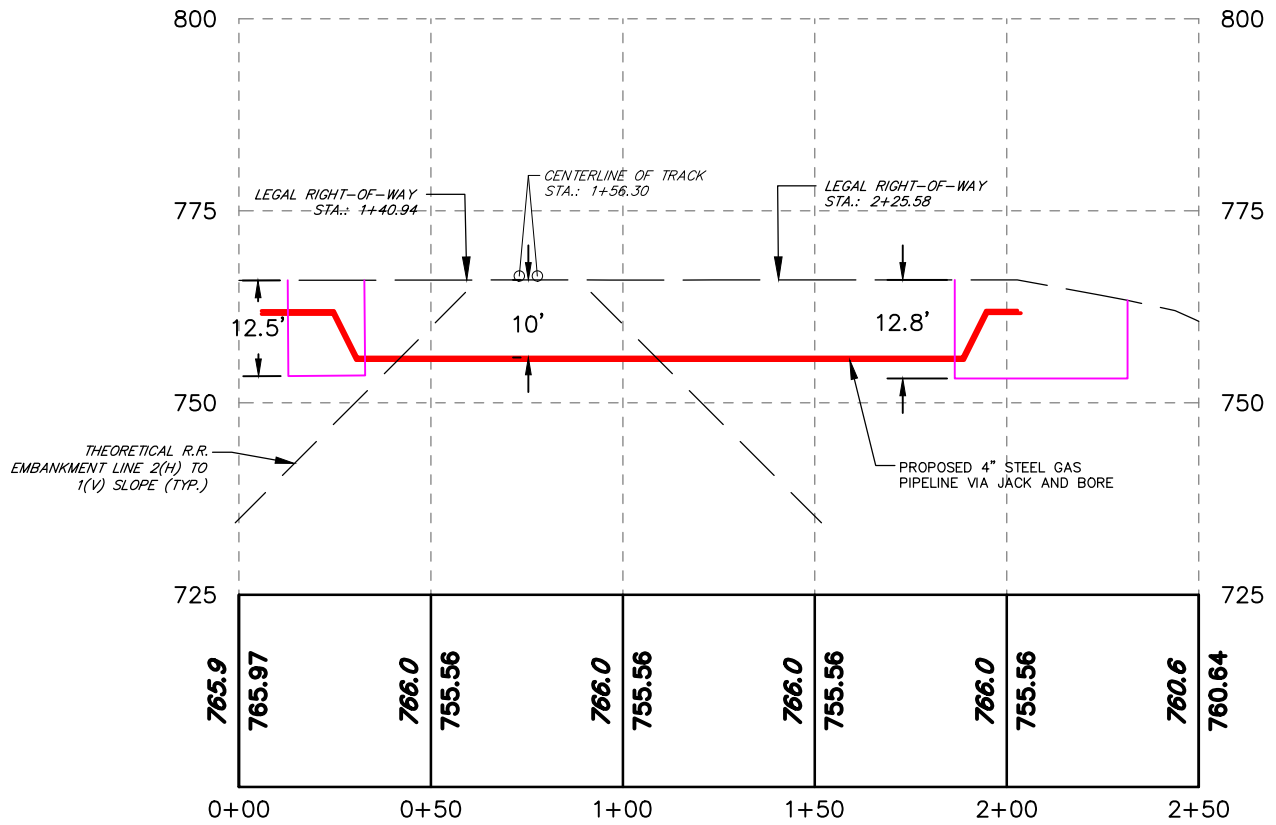
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**UTILITY CROSSING OF  
NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY  
COLUMBIA GAS**



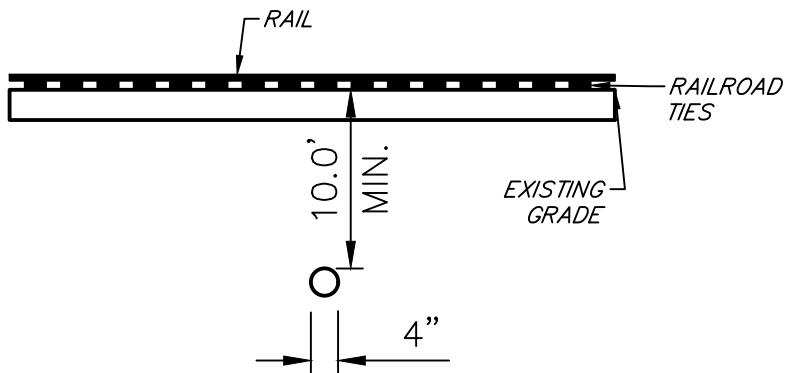
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**PIPELINE PROFILE**

HORIZONTAL SCALE: 1"=50'  
 VERTICAL SCALE: 1"=25'



**TYPICAL PIPELINE CROSS SECTION**

NOT TO SCALE

**PIPELINE PROFILE (NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY CROSSING)**

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UTILITY CROSSING OF  
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## VERIFICATION

I, Clay Swenglish, 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 herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Date: 10/10/2024

*Clay Swenglish*  
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(Engineer's Signature)

## 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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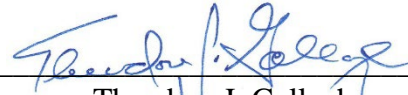
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