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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North Street, 2nd Floor North  
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**RE: Application of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. for approval of the alternation of crossing 472796B by the installation of an 8-inch plastic gas main where Killarney Drive crosses, below grade, the tracks of Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway, located in Castle Shannon Borough in Allegheny County  
Docket No. A-2025-\_\_\_\_\_**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed is an Application for the approval of a proposed railroad crossing at the tracks of Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway located in Castle Shannon Borough in Allegheny 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.

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**

Application of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, :  
Inc. for approval of the alternation of crossing :  
472796B by the installation of an 8-inch :  
plastic gas main where Killarney Drive :       Docket No. A-2025-\_\_\_\_\_ :  
crosses, below grade, the tracks of Wheeling :  
& Lake Erie Railway, located in Castle :  
Shannon Borough in Allegheny County :

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 alter crossing 472796B by the installation of an 8-inch plastic gas main where Killarney Drive crosses, below grade, the tracks of Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway located in Castle Shannon Borough in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

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 Killarney Drive crosses, below grade, the tracks of Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway is necessary to continue providing safe, reliable gas service to Castle Shannon Borough. Please see the attached Exhibit A for the exact location of the project.
5. 8-inch medium-density plastic main in 12-inch casing is to be installed by directional bore in public right of way on Killarney Drive.
6. A design one-call was placed. The following parties may be affected by the proposed alteration of the crossing:

- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

- Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company
  - Allegheny County
  - Castle Shannon Borough
  - Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority
  - Pennsylvania American Water Co.
  - Verizon
  - Duquesne Light
7. The estimated cost of installing the facilities described in this Application is \$180,500. Columbia will be responsible for installing, maintaining, inspecting, and funding said facilities.
  8. The alteration is necessary or proper in order to replace the existing local low pressure gas system with medium pressure facilities.
  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 Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway's tracks or supporting terrain and, as such, compliance with Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway construction requirements will be unnecessary.
  11. Columbia seeks to cross the facilities of Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway at an established public highway-rail crossing and, therefore, requests that the Commission approve Columbia's application without any obligation that Columbia remunerate Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway for the privilege of occupying the right of way.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
COLUMBIA GAS OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

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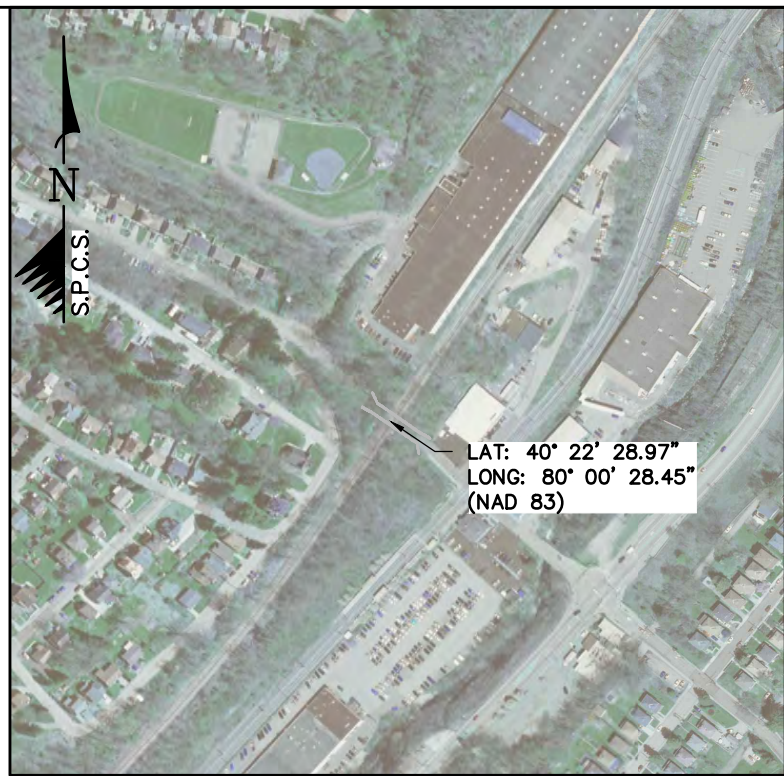
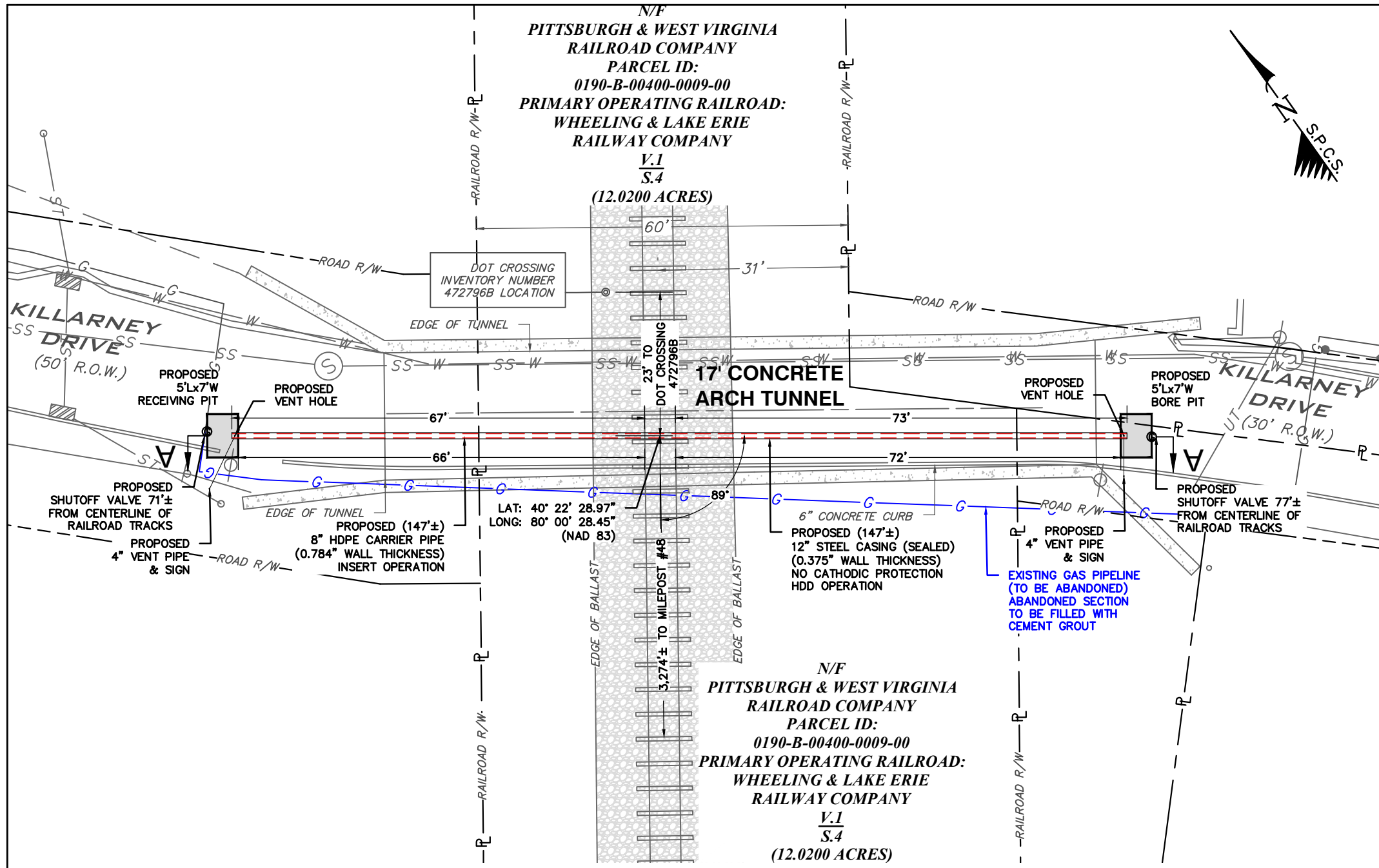
  
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Dated: January 14, 2024

**Case No. 9510(s)**

**Attachment A**





VICINITY MAP  
1" = 400'

	Carrier Pipe	Casing Pipe
Contents to be Handled	Natural Gas	8" HDPE Gas Line
Outside Diameter	8.625"	12.750"
Pipe Material, Minimum Yield Strength	HDPE	52,000 psi
Specification and Grade	PE 3408 / 4710	X52 API 5L
Wall Thickness	0.784"	0.375"
Actual Working Pressure	35 psig	N/A
Type of Joint	Butt / Fusion Weld	Butt / Fusion Weld
Coating	N/A	14-16 Mill FBE
Method of Installation	Insert	Directional Bore
Seals: Both Ends	Type: Polyurethane Foam	
Vents:	How Many <u>2</u>	Size <u>4"</u> Height Above Ground <u>4'</u>
Bury: (Base of Rail to Top of Pipe) Tunnel Crossing - ??'		
Bury: (Not Beneath Tracks) N/A		
Bury: (Roadway) ??'		
Type, Size and Spacing of Insulators or Supports:	N/A	
Distance C.L. Track to Face of Jacking/Receiving Pits:	N/A	
Bury: (Base of Rail to Bottom Jacking/Receiving Pits) N/A		
Cathodic Protection:	No	

**NOTES:**

- 1) THE UTILITIES SHOWN ON THESE PLANS WERE DERIVED FROM FIELD OBSERVATION. THE ACTUAL LOCATION AND DEPTH OF THE UTILITY LINES AND OTHER FEATURES MAY VARY. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR TO IDENTIFY, VERIFY, AND SAFELY LOCATE ALL UTILITIES AND FEATURES FOR THIS PROJECT AT THE TIME OF CONSTRUCTION.
- 2) DIGITAL MAP IS IN PA SOUTH ZONE, STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, NAD 1983, VERTICAL DATUM 1988.

**CONTRACTOR NOTES:**

- 1) CONTRACTOR SHALL FOLLOW ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR PIPELINE OCCUPANCY OF WHEELING & LAKE ERIE RAILWAY COMPANY SPECIFICATIONS.
- 2) BLASTING NOT PERMITTED.

**DISCLAIMER:**

ALL MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS, CONSTRUCTION METHODS, CALCULATIONS, AND COMPUTATIONS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY COLUMBIA GAS OF PA AND/OR WHEELING & LAKE ERIE RAILWAY COMPANY. KEYSTONE CONSULTANTS, LLC IS NOT CERTIFYING PIPELINE DESIGN OR CONSTRUCTION THAT WILL TAKE PLACE FOLLOWING WHEELING & LAKE ERIE RAILROAD COMPANY APPROVAL OF THIS EXHIBIT DRAWING.



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**COLUMBIA GAS OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.**  
**HOMEHURST PIPELINE PROJECT**  
**CASTLE SHANNON BOROUGH**  
**ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**WHEELING & LAKE ERIE RAILWAY CO PERMIT PLAN**

**SEE PROFILE SHEET 2 OF 2**

DRAWN BY: GDC	CHECKED BY: EB	APPROVED BY: EK	EXHIBIT: A
DATE: NOVEMBER 04, 2024	DWG SCALE: 1"=20'	SHEET NO: 01 OF 02	

**VERIFICATION**

I, Gregory Thomeier, 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: January 14, 2025

*Gregory Thomeier*

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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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Dated this 14th day of January, 2025.

  
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(Attorney's Signature)