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Matthew L. Homsher, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North Street, 2nd Floor North  
P.O. Box 3265  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

RE: Application of Columbia Gas of PA for approval of alteration of  
Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company Railroad Crossing  
Docket No. A-2025-\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Secretary Homsher:

Pursuant 66 Pa.C.S. § 2702(a), **Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. ("Columbia")**  
submits herewith an application for the approval of a proposed railroad crossing and  
alteration in Bridgeville Borough, Allegheny County

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any  
questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Emily Farah".

Emily Farah

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Electronic Enclosure

BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

In re: Application of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. for approval of the alteration of the crossing (472832U) by the installation of an 8-inch plastic gas line where Hickman Street crosses under the elevated tracks of Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company, located in Bridgeville Borough, Allegheny County

Docket No. A-2025-\_\_\_\_\_

To the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

**Pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. §2702(a), Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (“Columbia”)** hereby requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (**“Commission”**) issue an Order authorizing Columbia to alter crossing DOT #472832U by the installation of a 8-inch plastic gas pipeline where Hickman Street crosses under the elevated tracks of the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company, located in Bridgeville Borough, Allegheny County Pennsylvania.

1. The name and address of applicant are Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (**“Columbia”**), 121 Champion Way, Suite 100, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania 15317.

2. The name and address of **applicant’s** attorney are Emily Farah, Esq., NiSource Corporate Services Company, 121 Champion Way, Suite 100, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania 15317.

3. 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 448,000 customers in 26 counties of Pennsylvania, pursuant to certificates of public convenience granted by the Commission.

4. **Columbia’s alteration to** the crossing where Hickman Street crosses under the elevated tracks of the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company is necessary to continue providing safe, reliable gas service to Bridgeville Borough. (Please see the attached Exhibit A for the exact location of the project).

5. Eight-inch plastic pipe is to be inserted into, and remain enclosed in, newly installed 12-inch steel casing in public right of way on Hickman Street.

6. A design one-call was placed. The names of public utilities, municipalities, corporations, or property owners that may be affected by the proposed alteration of the crossing are as follows:

- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, ROW & Utility Division
- Office of Chief Counsel – PennDOT
- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation - District 11
- Pennsylvania American Water Co.
- West Penn Power
- Comcast Cablevision
- Verizon Pennsylvania LLC
- Peoples Gas Company
- Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company
- Bridgeville Borough

7. The estimated cost of installing the facilities described in the Application is \$45,000. 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 eight-inch line must be abandoned and replaced, since the feed is vital to maintaining the safety and demand requirements throughout the immediate project area.

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 Company's tracks or supporting terrain and, as such, compliance with Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company construction requirements will be unnecessary.

11. Columbia seeks to cross the facilities of Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company 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 Company for the privilege of occupying the right of way.

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

COLUMBIA GAS OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

By:   
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Dated: July 22, 2025

VERIFICATION

I, Dennis P. Knorr, 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: 7/22/2025

*Dennis P. Knorr*  
(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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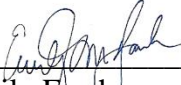
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Dated this 22nd Day of July, 2025.

  
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