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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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 Pennsylvania, Inc. for approval of the alteration of the crossing (145316M) by the installation of an 8" plastic main and 12" steel casing gas line where Maple Street crosses below grade the tracks of Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad located in City of Uniontown in Fayette County
Docket No. A-2026-_____**

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 the City of Uniontown in Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

Columbia is requesting this application be considered by the Commission on an **expedited basis**, due to an identified leak of the existing medium pressure line near the tracks, which will be abandoned with this replacement.

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

Sincerely,



Emily Farah

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Electronic Enclosures

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

In re: Application of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. for approval of the alteration of the crossing (145316M) by the installation of an 8” plastic main and 12” steel casing gas line where Maple Street crosses below grade the tracks of Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad located in City of Uniontown in Fayette County

Docket No. A-2026-_____

To the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

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 M. Farah, Esq., 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 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”). Columbia provides natural gas service to more than 446,000 customers in 26 counties of Pennsylvania.
4. Columbia’s alteration to the crossing where Maple Street crosses, below grade, the tracks of Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad (“Carload Express”) in Fayette County, PennDOT Engineering District No. 12, is necessary to continue providing safe, reliable gas service to City of Uniontown. Please see the attached Exhibit A for the exact location of the project.
5. 8-inch medium pressure plastic and 12-inch steel casing is to be directionally drilled in public right of way on Maple Street.
6. A design one-call was placed. Columbia has identified the following parties who may be affected by the proposed alteration of the crossing:
 - Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad/Carload Express
 - City of Uniontown
 - Fayette County
 - AT&T
 - Verizon Pennsylvania LLC
 - DQE Communications LLC

- West Penn Power
- Omni Fiber LLC
- Vitalink LLC
- Pennsylvania American Water

7. The estimated cost of installing the facilities described in the Application is \$400,000. Columbia will be responsible for installing, maintaining, inspecting, and funding said facilities.

8. The alteration is necessary or proper for the following reasons: the expansion of Columbia's medium pressure system and subsequent abandonment of the existing medium pressure and low pressure throughout the City of Uniontown. Columbia is requesting this application be considered by the Commission on an **expedited basis**, due to an identified leak of the existing medium pressure line near the tracks, which will be abandoned with this replacement. The alteration will result in the elimination of a significant amount of priority pipe on the existing medium pressure line within the area. Columbia's existing lines cross the tracks at the specified location identified in Exhibit A.

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

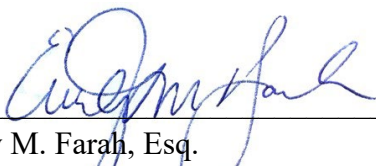
10. The installation of Columbia's facilities will have no impact on the physical integrity of Carload Express' tracks or supporting terrain and, as such, Carload Express' construction requirements is inapplicable.

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

WHEREFORE, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. requests that the Commission approve its application on an expedited basis.

Dated: March 20, 2026

COLUMBIA GAS OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

By: 
Emily M. Farah, Esq.
Title: Assistant General Counsel

VERIFICATION

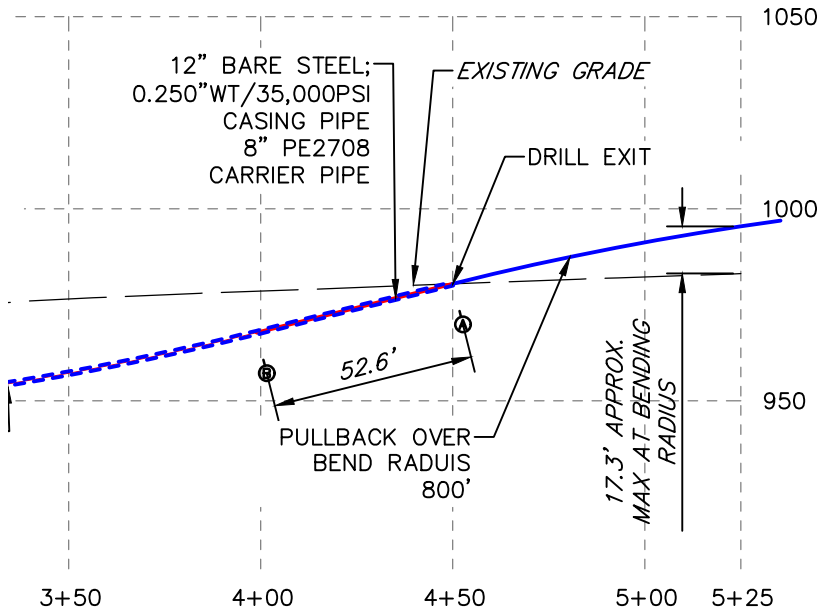
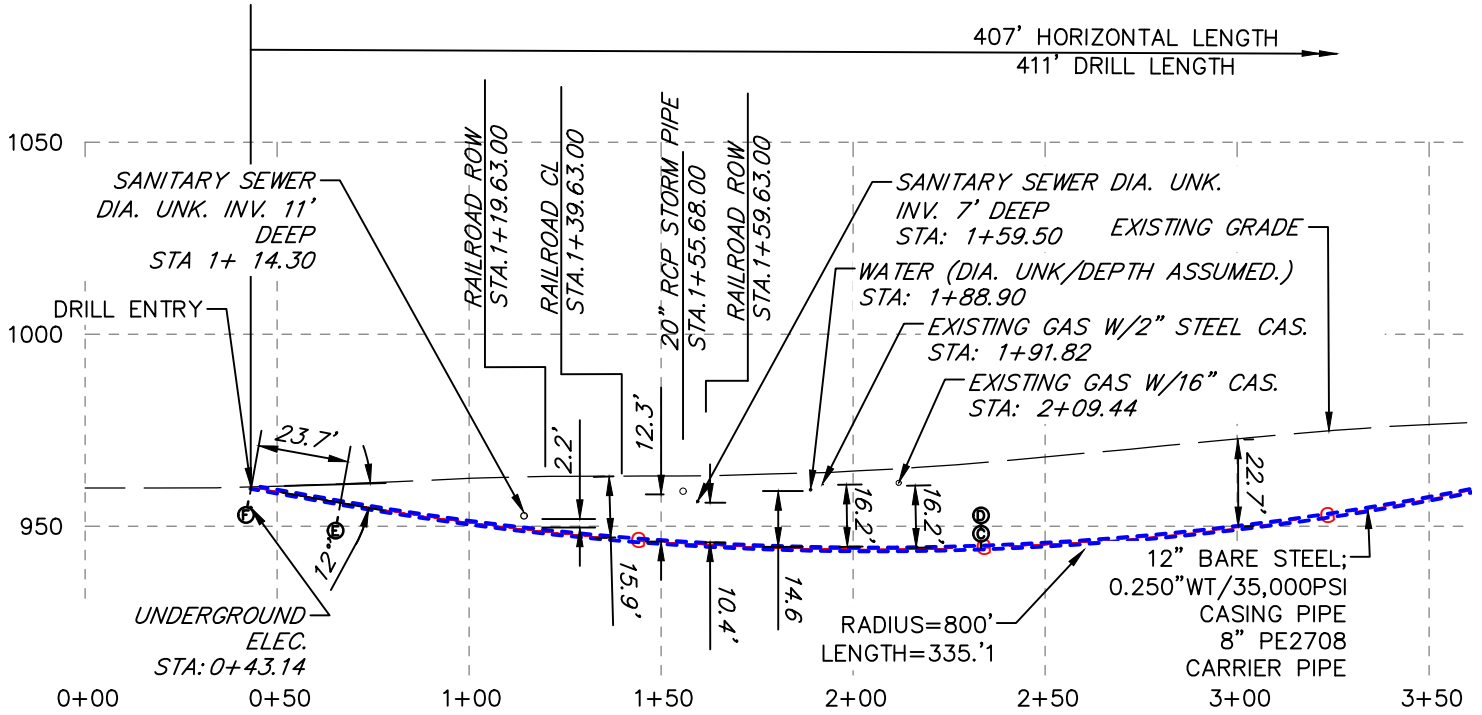
I, Nick Lancaster, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct (or are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief) and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Date: 3/18/2026

Nick Lancaster

(Engineer's Signature)

EXHIBIT A



UTILITY CROSSING PROFILE

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

NORTH GALLATIN AVE PIPELINE

UTILITY CROSSING OF CARLOAD EXPRESS, INC.
FOR
COLUMBIA GAS



RETTEW Associates, Inc.
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DRAWN BY: RJC
DATE: 03/20/2026
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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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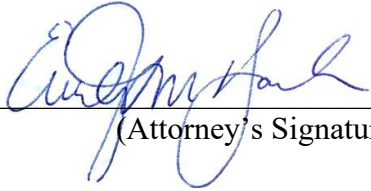
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Dated this 20th day of March, 2026.



(Attorney's Signature)