

PRESS RELEASE

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As attorneys for certain residents of Northern Christianiana Hundred we are pleased to announce the amicable settlement of our clients' opposition to the plans of Columbia Gas System, Inc. to locate near our clients' homes.

We first want to point out that the objection has never been to Columbia as a corporation nor to the specific proposal which it has made for the tract of land it had optioned northwest of Wilmington.

Our objection was to the danger we felt such a use would bring to an open, low density residential and park-like area which is the pride and pleasure of all the residents of New Castle County.

We were somewhat heartened at the public hearing on the Ordinance to rezone that Columbia was willing to renounce its right to subdivide the parcel or to enlarge its buildings substantially and we have been pleased, throughout these proceedings, with the fine architecture and landscaping proposed by the company.

As the case proceeded in Court, however, it became apparent that we had a community of interest with Columbia. As a result, after extended discussions, we have reached an amicable settlement in which Columbia has formally represented in deed restrictions filed today with the office of the Recorder of Deeds that for the foreseeable future the Corporation intends this location to be their Corporate headquarters and they, too, wish the surrounding area to retain its present character.

Columbia has been willing to go further and extend to the Kennett Pike Association and the Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation the right to enforce the restrictions on lot and building size.

As a practical matter we believe that, with these enforceable restrictions, the dangers faced by the community that this rezoning would act as a precedent for the downgrading of this excellent area are greatly minimized, if not altogether eliminated.

We wish further to welcome the personnel of Columbia itself, with whom we have never had a quarrel, to Delaware.

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