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May 5, 2017

Ms. Barcy McNeal
Ohio Power Siting Board
PUCO Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3716

Re: OPSB Case No. 16-253-GA-BTX, C314-V Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Pursuant to OAC 4906-3-10(A) please find attached the Initial Notice, copies of which were mailed to the landowners on April 28, 2017 and sent via electronic mail to the public officials on May 1, 2017. The Initial Notice was mailed to the Mayor of Silverton on May 3, 2017, due to difficulties locating a valid e-mail address. The Initial Notice is being electronically filed today.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Emily A. Olive, CP

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Paralegal

April 28, 2017

ADDRESS

**RE: Notice of Local Public Hearing for a Proposed Major Utility Facility
Duke Energy Ohio
C314-V Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project
Ohio Power Siting Board Case Number 16-253-GA-BTX**

Dear Landowner,

An application for a certificate to construct, operate, and maintain the C314-V Central Corridor Pipeline Project (Project) is now pending before the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board), under Case No. 16-253-GA-BTX. The Project is integral to Duke Energy Ohio's long-term plan to retire propane-air plants and balance system supply. It will comprise a 20-inch diameter steel natural gas line that will run approximately 14 miles, from an existing gas main near the intersection of Butler, Warren and Hamilton counties to an existing gas main near Norwood station or Red Bank Road area, south of Erie Avenue. The enclosed map shows the two proposed routes. If the project is approved, only one proposed route option will be constructed.

Section 4906.07 of the Ohio Revised Code provides:

- (A) Upon the receipt of an application complying with section 4906.06 of the Revised Code, the power siting board shall promptly fix a date for a public hearing thereon, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after such receipt, and shall conclude the proceeding as expeditiously as practicable.
- (B) On an application for an amendment of a certificate, the board shall hold a hearing in the same manner as a hearing is held on an application for a certificate if the proposed change in the facility would result in any material increase in any environmental impact of the facility or a substantial change in the location of all or a portion of such facility other than as provided in the alternates set forth in the application.
- (C) The chairperson of the power siting board shall cause each application filed with the board to be investigated and shall, not less than fifteen days prior to the date any application is set for hearing submit a written report to the board and to the applicant. A copy of such report shall be made available to any person upon request. Such report shall set forth the nature of the investigation, and shall contain recommended findings with regard to division (A) of section 4906.10 of the Revised Code and shall become part of the record and served upon all parties to the proceeding.

The hearings in this case shall consist of two parts:

- (1) A local public hearing, pursuant to R.C. 4906.08(C), where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from members of the public, on June 15, 2017, commencing at 3:00 p.m. and continuing until 8:00 p.m., at the University of Cincinnati-Blue Ash, 9555 Plainfield Road, Muntz Hall, Room 119, Blue Ash, Ohio 45236.

- (2) An adjudicatory hearing to commence on July 12, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room A, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

The Board will review the application on the basis of eight criteria:

- (1) The basis of the need for the facility if the facility is an electric transmission line or gas pipeline;
- (2) The nature of the probable environmental impact;
- (3) That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations;
- (4) In the case of an electric transmission line or generating facility, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability;
- (5) That the facility will comply with Chapters 3704., 3734., and 6111. of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under sections 1501.33, 1501.34, and 4561.32 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under section 4561.32 of the Revised Code, the board shall consult with the office of aviation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the department of transportation under section 4561.341 of the Revised Code.
- (6) That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity;
- (7) In addition to the provisions contained in divisions (A)(1) to (6) of this section and rules adopted under those divisions, what its impact will be on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929. of the Revised Code that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility. Rules adopted to evaluate impact under division (A)(7) of this section shall not require the compilation, creation, submission, or production of any information, document, or other data pertaining to land not located within the site and alternative site.
- (8) That the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

Copies of the Application, including specific details about the location and construction are available for public inspection at the main office of Duke Energy Ohio at 139 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, and at the offices of the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. It is also available online at www.duke-energy.com/centralcorridor.

The following local city and county government officials have been served with a copy of the Application as required by the Board's regulations: Mayor and Administrator of Amberley Village; Mayor and Zoning Director of Blue Ash; Mayor and Zoning Administrator of Cincinnati; Columbia Township President of Trustees and Administrator; Mayor and City Manager of Deer Park; Mayor and Administrator of Evendale; Mayor and Administrator of Golf Manor; Mayor and Director of Zoning of Fairfax; Mayor and City Manager of Madeira; Mayor

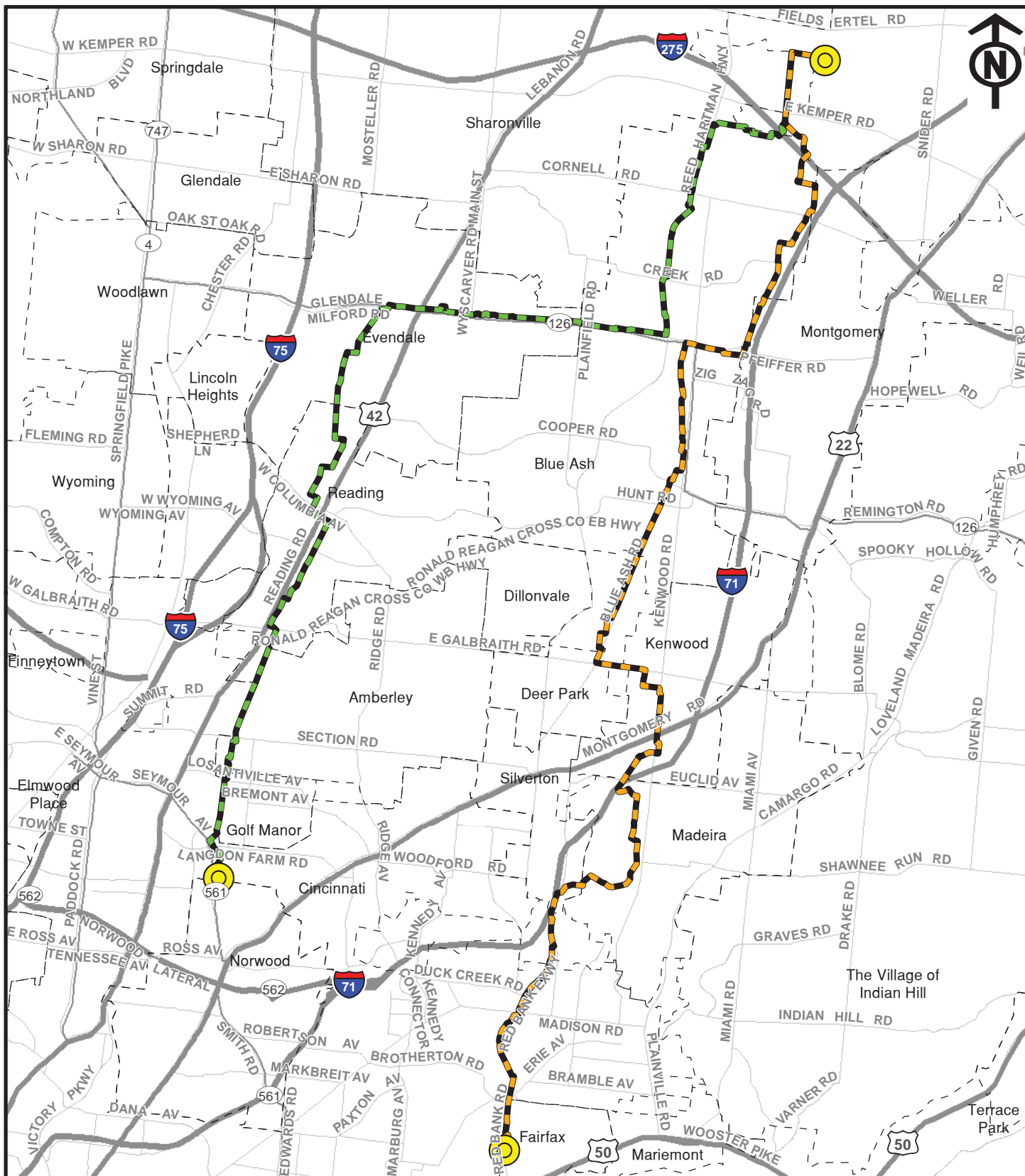
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Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the Board up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm.Code 4906-2-12(A), or by May 31, 2017, whichever is later. However, the Board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as soon as possible. Petitions should be addressed to the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, and cite Case No. 16-253-GA-BTX.

We look forward to seeing you at the public hearing. Thank you for working with us as we move forward with this important project.

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HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

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- Preferred Route
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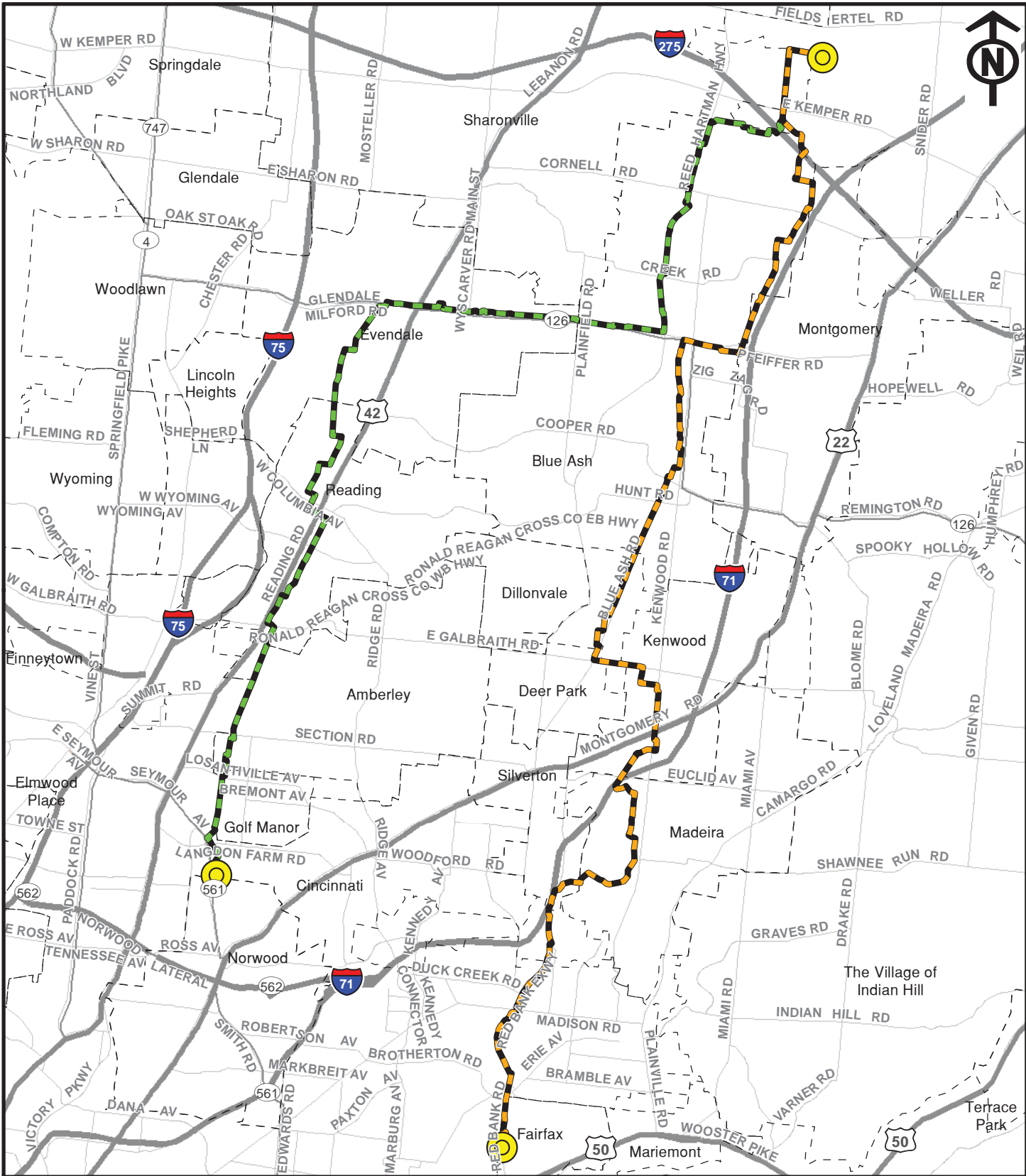
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