

Matt Lundy State Representative

October 23, 2014

Ohio Power Siting Board 180 East Broad St. Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Case 14-1717-GA-BLN

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board Members,

I have worked with NRG and Mark Baird over the years in his position of Director of External Affairs for NRG. I write you today to express serious concerns I have about the natural gas pipeline project process here in Lorain County.

1 understand the importance of this project to keep the NRG Avon Lake facility operational. Residents living in the impact area have contacted me by phone, email and at my town hall meetings. Having met with them, I agree that there is a need for greater cooperation on the part of NRG.

One example is the push by NRG to run the pipeline through a residential area in Flint Ridge. A review of the area shows a nearby field that could provide a path for the route of the pipeline. This is a reasonable request by these homeowners and others. At the same time, it is important to be sensitive to the concern that when running the pipe through empty land, that property isn't divided in such a way that it greatly loses value and cannot be developed or farmed. I believe this too is a reasonable request by residents who are farmers or land owners.

I believe NRG needs to revisit and adjust the footprint of the pipeline path to meet the concerns of the residents I represent. The Ohio Power Siting Board should require changes to the path of the project to accommodate home owners prior to any approval. It is my hope that we can work together and that you will work with residents to address their concerns.

Please feel free to contact me about this matter. I can be reached at 614-644-5076 or Rep55@ohiohouse.gov.

Continued Success,

Matt Lundy State Representative 55<sup>th</sup> House District Ohio House of Representatives

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