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COMMENT DESCRIPTION:

The Village of Evendale has several significant concerns about the proposed green route in gas line pipe extension case #16-0253-GA-BTX. Consequently, The Village of Evendale opposes the green line until such time Village residents, local businesses and elected officials are made fully aware of: 1. The exact location of the proposed gas line. 2. The exact width, size, location, etc. of all proposed easements needed for the proposed line 3. A specific remediation plan for all natural and man-made objects/materials proposed to be removed or relocated along the entire length of

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the route. 4. Written verification that all businesses and residents abutting the proposed route have been duly notified in writing of the proposed route. 5. Any and all written or verbal complaints or concerns received by PUCO, the Siting Board or any other State Agency about the proposed green route and the response provided. Please provide a list of the 100+ routes initially proposed by Duke along with any records or information detailing the methodology used to rank or otherwise score the routes. Please provide a list of proposed routes as they were ranked in order of preference. Please explain why the green, pink and orange routes were determined to be the preferred routes presented by Duke Energy. Glendale-Milford Rd. is a mostly residential, tree-lined road with homes situated close to the road. Installation of a new pipeline along either side of the road would eliminate most of the public and private trees along the roadway. Many trees are mature and sizable. Removing these trees would severely negatively impact the character and value of properties. Moreover, a 30-50' permanent public easement for a gas line, once installed, would encompass, in many cases, entire front yards making it impossible for residents to grow substantive vegetation or build anything permanent within the easement area. It appears that the proposed green route turns southward at the Norfolk-Southern Railroad and proceeds along the backside of two of Cincinnati's largest manufacturers, GE Aviation and Formica. Several other businesses, including Kinetic Vision, would also be affected. Since it appears the proposed line would run through private property (and not within the railroad right-of-way), The Village of Evendale opposes the location of the line running directly through our business corridor until such time all businesses are made fully aware of the project and until such time all such businesses have an opportunity to determine whether or not the line poses a benefit or threat to their business operations, property value, etc. Evendale staff and/or elected officials have received the following questions/concerns/ideas to date from local residents/businesses and anticipate more. While several of these questions may be answered in Duke project materials, they are included in this comment FYI. Answers and/or comments from the Siting Board would be appreciated. 1. There are large transmission lines running through Evendale already. What specific safety precautions would Duke implement during and after construction to assure the line does not create a fire/explosion hazard? What roads/routes would be blocked if all of these routes were under construction at the same time? 2. What, if anything, would be permitted within the easement? 3. Based on similar projects in the past, can Duke or the Siting Board demonstrate an increase in property values as the result of installing new pipe lines in an existing, built-out community? Can Duke or the Siting Board demonstrate an increase in property values when removing trees and/or imposing restrictive permanent easements for gas line projects? 4. How would Duke go about negotiating easements? What happens if Duke fails to voluntarily reach an easement agreement? Does Duke or the Siting Board have the ability to condemn property? If so, please describe that process. 5. Please describe how the proposed green pipeline will benefit Evendale and your customer base? Will the new lines increase gas capacity/pressure to our local businesses and residences? If so, please provide quantifiable/measurable data. 6. What factors did the Ohio Siting Board consider when choosing the green line as a proposed route? What makes the route an attractive option for Duke and the Siting Board as compared to the other options? 7. Has Duke or the Siting Board considered running the proposed green route wholly within the Glendale-Milford Rd. right-of-way (to avoid removing trees and encroaching into private yards)? What, if any, obstacles or challenges are there with this option? Thank you for considering this objection and for your help answering the questions listed above. Please confirm receipt of this correspondence. Also, please share this email with the appropriate persons or Committees within Duke Energy and/or the Siting Board so our objection and concerns are duly recognized. I look forward to hearing back from you and/or others on this matter. Please call or email anytime. Sincerely, David W. Elmer Administrator Village of Evendale 10500 Reading Rd. Evendale, Ohio 45241 513-956-2666 David.Elmer@EvendaleOhio.org