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TO: Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board

Duke Energy has proposed construction of a 30", high pressure natural gas transmission line through their Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project. A transmission line of this size and pressure presents a significant safety hazard for any community adjacent or near this line, particularly with Duke's proposed routes through many residential areas. Many lives have been lost and extensive property damage has been caused by explosions from pipelines much smaller than this proposed 30" high pressure (750 psi) line.

If this transmission line is absolutely necessary, I strongly urge the Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board to REQUIRE Duke Energy to construct this line along major Federal highways to the greatest extent possible. In the case for the proposed Central Corridor Pipeline Extension, I-71 would provide an excellent route for the majority of the proposed pipeline. A route within the I-71 right-of-way would provide the safest possible route. In areas where the pipeline must be constructed outside the interstate right-of-way, major thoroughfares should be used to reduce the potential safety risks to residents.

Currently, Duke Energy has proposed three potential routes for the pipeline extension. The middle route, or the "pink" route as shown on the graphic provided by Duke to adjacent property owners, will directly and adversely affect a major single family residential neighborhood, a large residential apartment complex, and the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash. The pipeline proposed along this route will expose thousands of residents and students to the potential for a disaster beyond comprehension if the pipeline is damaged resulting in a subsequent explosion. Although Duke Energy says that an accident is unlikely, many pipeline accidents have happened across the country resulting in huge losses of life and property destruction. SAFETY DICTATES THAT PIPELINES OF THIS MAGNITUDE SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUCTED IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS IF ANY OTHER ALTERNATIVE EXISTS.

The construction of this proposed pipeline along the "pink" route will also cause irreparable harm to a mature, wooded area that is home to numerous species of animals, including deer, rabbit, fox, squirrels, birds, etc. The riparian habitat within this wooded area would also be irreparably changed and harmed. The environmental damage caused by construction of the proposed pipeline in this area will be extensive and irreversible. Potential impacts on possible threatened or endangered species are another potential harmful effect of the proposed pipeline along the "pink" route. THE NEGATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS CANNOT BE FULLY MITIGATED AND A PIPELINE SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUCTED ALONG THIS ROUTE IF ANY OTHER ALTERNATIVE EXISTS.

We strongly request and urge the Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board and eventually the Ohio Public Utilities Commission to require Duke Energy to study and propose a route along I-71 and NOT routes adjacent to residential areas. A 30", high pressure transmission line does not belong in residential areas and the OPSB has the authority and duty to place the safety of Ohio residents above the needs and wants of Duke Energy.

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