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COMPLAINT DESCRIPTION:

I am writing to voice my opposition to the planned Central Corridor gas pipeline project (16-253-GA-BTX). I'm the homeowner of 9240 Bluewing Terrace in Blue Ash, Ohio, and the "Pink" pipeline is proposed to go through

my back yard. OBJECTION 1: DESTRUCTION OF GREENSPACE The installation of a pipe 30" in diameter will require heavy equipment. The project will obliterate the wooded green space behind my property that blocks the view of the bordering apartment complex. Furthermore, this project will displace the wildlife population that has lived in these woods for generations. My street is a very steep hill with rocky terrain. A similar 30" pipe installation in West Virginia experienced these problems: "We have had gas leaks and condensate spills, hillside mud slips, broken pipes, erosion and sedimentation both during construction and afterwards." [http://www.fractracker.org/2016/02/a-push-for-pipelines/] The installation of a pipe line on the proposed route would create considerable disruption of residences and developed areas. Alternative routes exist that would greatly lessen the environmental impact. The Atlantic Coast pipeline reconsidered its route and made adjustments addressing different environment, cultural and historic areas and geological resource concerns. [source: http://www.newsleader.com/story/news/local/2016/02/12/atlantic-coast-pipeline-adopt-alternative-route/80283056/] The direct route along Interstate 71 would pose far less residential upset. OBJECTION 2: 30" DIAMETER PIPE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS I have read the NTSB's Pipeline Accident Report, there are 122 recent accidents on their list. Though the greatest damage and the greatest risk is the larger capacity 30" lines under pressure. In a similar case in Tennessee, they assessed expanding existing natural gas WITHOUT building new 30" pipeline. [SOURCE: http://www.ntsb.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Pages/pipeline.aspx] OBJECTION 3: MY HOUSE IS IN THE "INCINERATION ZONE" According to report from the Pipeline Safety Trust, the ACTUAL blast radius for compromised 30" pipes has ranged from 500' to 1450'. My property is considered to be in the proposed "incineration zone". My house, my neighbors, and immediate community will be completely obliterated should trouble strike. What family desires to live in such a neighborhood? Both public safety and property values are at risk. "Explosions are also a major concern. According to a briefing paper from the Pipeline Safety Trust, natural gas pipelines have fewer significant onshore incidents, such as major spills, than pipelines carrying hazardous liquids such as crude oil and jet fuel; however, they have more serious incidents -- events that result in death or hospitalization -- than other pipelines. "They've got less [accidents], but when they blow, they really blow," Carl Weimer, executive director of the Pipeline Safety Trust, said. 'They have huge potential for wide-ranging explosions." http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2014/09/30/3567593/northeast-gas-pipeline-opposition/ OBJECTION 4: PROPOSED ROUTE INTERSECTS HIGH CONSEQUENCE AREAS The proposed Route is adjacent to Blue Ash Elementary (a Sycamore Community School), UC Blue Ash College, a large apartment complex, and my neighborhood. The potential for lives lost on this route is unfathomable should the pipe falter as others like it have. A report from the Pipeline Safety Trust that was done for the Gas Research Institute states: The definition of High Consequence Areas is expected to require additional protection for people with limited mobility such as day care centers, old age homes, and prisons. This report suggests the definition for the HCA area of increased protection be set by two parameters, the pipe diameter and it's operating pressure [Source: http://nogaspipeline.org/sites/nogaspipeline.org/files/wysiwyg/docs/c-ferstudy.pdf] An explosion along the proposed pipeline would OBLITERATE these High Consequence Areas: - 500 Students & faculty at Blue Ash Elementary - 5,024 Students at UC Blue Ash - Over 40 Families in the Deercross Apartment Complex - Blue Ash Kindercare Daycare Complex - The residents of my Tangleridge Neighborhood - Three gas stations are in close proximity There are other alternative to supplying natural gas that do not involve such risk. I have read of other communities facing the same natural gas distribution issues and they have developed other solutions. The pipe route can follow interstates instead of high density neighborhoods. The existing gas pipe network can be expanded without new 30" pipe. Sincerely, Molly Davis Owner of 9240 Bluewing Ter. Cincinnati, OH 45242

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Summary: Public Comment in opposition filed on behalf of concerned consumer, M. Davis electronically filed by Ms. Donielle M Hunter on behalf of PUCO Staff