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Subject: 16-0253-GA-BTX: Duke Central Corridor Extension Gas Pipeline

Dear OPSB,

I am writing to express opposition to all 3 alternative routes that are currently being considered by Duke Energy for the above-referenced pipeline extension case. I am a 15 year resident of Amberley Village, which is directly impacted by one of the 3 proposed routes, and indirectly affected by all 3. I realize that this application has not yet been filed but I attended a public meeting in Blue Ash last night regarding the proposal and am horrified to learn that contrary to generally accepted practice, this transmission pipeline is being proposed to be routed through densely populated areas in Hamilton County, proximate to: homes, schools, businesses, parks, churches, synagogues, major traffic arteries and more. I understand the project is being "best tracked," presumably to avoid what in my estimation is a justifiable public uproar and all the expense that may entail for our friendly neighborhood utility company which is certainly acting only in the best interest of its customers and its community, rather than its owners and investors. (Not.)

Please, slow this process down to allow for adequate review and public input. This project will have a major impact not only on the property owners who are immediately adjacent to the proposed pipeline route(s), who were the only residents Duke saw fit to notify about the project in March, despite ample evidence that potential damage and disruption in the event of a leak, accident or, God forbid, an explosion, would be far more widespread. PUCO and the OPSB **don't begin to have adequate resources** to ensure the community that this pipeline is and will continue to be safe. The best alternative, if in fact an extension needs to be built at all, which seems also to be in question and **should be extensively vetted and verified**, is to locate it far enough away from such densely populated areas that if there ever is a problem, the impact will be greatly reduced.

If the question from Duke is "A,B or C," then I vote "D," none of the above. Not in my backyard, yes, but more importantly, **not in anyone's back yard.**

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