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COMMENT DESCRIPTION:

(Case 16-0253-GA-BTX). Why should a suburban or urban neighborhood be subjected to the risks of a high pressure gas transmission pipeline? Do the executives and board members of Duke Energy live with their families close to such a pipeline? If there should be an accident (and they have happened with too frequent a history), the outcome will be disastrous. The destruction zone will be ~1800 feet around the accident. According to federal records gas companies reported 35 explosions and 32 ignitions at their transmission pipelines since 2010. Since virtually

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all hi pressure transmission lines are located in rural areas, accident damage has been minimized. One exception was in San Bruno, CA. Urban sprawl brought this population into the area of a transmission pipeline. An explosion in Sept 2010 killed 8 and injured 51, and destroyed property valued at \$550 million.