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Subject: Case No. 16-0253-GA-BTX

I am a resident of Amberley Village, Ohio. I am writing to express my objection to all variations of the natural gas pipeline extension proposed by Duke Energy, including the "Pink" route which could potentially be constructed along the western edge of my property. My concerns are based on the following:

1. **Safety.** Each of the proposed line traverses a densely populated area. Many pass near schools, hospitals, places of worship, and shopping facilities. Any rupture, such as those that have occurred recently in California, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, would harm thousands. A rupture at the rear of my property would certainly decimate my home. Additionally, construction of the Pink line would necessitate closing Ridge Road for some time, which is the only north/south corridor servicing our village. We would thus be cut off from emergency services such as police, fire and EMT's. This is unacceptable.
2. **Aesthetic/Environmental.** Construction of the line would require clearing a path of a minimum of thirty (30) feet wide. The Ronald Reagan/Cross County runs less than one quarter mile from the rear of my property. Construction would thus remove what precious little buffer I have from the noise and pollution of this highway. The parcel behind my property is also composed of a wooded ravine which is home to many creeks and waterways, as well as wildlife of all description. This natural habitat cannot survive the pipeline.
3. **Economic.** Construction of the pipeline would reduce the property values of all adjoining parcels, a loss for which Duke is unlikely to provide compensation. Additionally, Duke suggests that the proposed lines are the most economically viable alternatives. However, all traverse densely populated areas, which would increase construction and transactional costs astronomically over construction in less populated areas. The suggestion that these lines are the most economically efficient available alternatives defies common sense.
4. **Lack of Transparency.** Duke suggests that the line is needed in order to provide adequate natural gas service to our area. Information disseminated by concerned citizens' groups suggests that this is not the case. First, engineers opine that the pipeline is designed to carry a volume of gas far exceeding the needs of southwest Ohio. Further, it is my understanding that Duke is building the line under contract to Texas Gas (TG), a large national supplier. This leads to the concern that this is only a small part of a possible interstate line which will carry gas from the Marcellus shale deposits down to southern states. If true, this suggests that Duke/TG are attempting to build the line piecemeal in order to avoid costly and intrusive federal approval and oversight. Also, our properties would be used as a natural gas superhighway with little commensurate benefit to homeowners, or to our area generally. These concerns demand the highest scrutiny from this body.

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The concerns I express apply to ANY of the proposed lines. No residential neighborhood should be subjected to the inevitable risks of injury, death, and economic loss caused by this project. The only reasonable solution is to deny approval until the line is moved to a rural route that minimizes the negative effects on residents.

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