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Subject: PUCO Case 16-0253-GA-BTX

Re: Case 16-0253-GA-BTX.

This email concerns the high pressure transmission gas line ("Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project") proposed by Duke to run from Lebanon to Norwood or Fairfax. All proposed routes run through densely populated residential areas in Hamilton County, Ohio, and pass by schools and places of worship. There are no proposed routes that utilize rural, less dense areas or interstate rights of way through less densely populated areas. This appears to me to be less than responsible planning. Why risk more individuals than necessary? The residents of Hamilton County need protection. These proposals put larger numbers of people at risk regarding safety than necessary. It also puts larger numbers of persons in harm's way for negative financial and environmental impacts.

Duke states that they will restore property on which lines are installed back to its former condition. This is in direct contradiction to their in legal documents/statements in which they offer to replace old growth trees with new trees and reserve the right to erect fences on both sides of the transmission line in certain locations. Duke also seems to ignore the fact that burying the line will mean disrupting some current storm water drainage patterns, which Hamilton County residents are subsidizing through rates charged by our local government utility. So, too, will some proposed routes disrupt roads on which Ohio itself has already spent tax monies for reconditioning and construction.

In past cases of damages from gas leakage and/or explosion along such transmission lines, Duke has claimed that the occurrence was an act of God for which it is not responsible or liable. Where would that leave the County government and property owners? Why should Duke be allowed to make a profit while putting other parties in the position of risk - financially, in terms of personal health and safety, and environmentally?

Please oppose all of the currently proposed routes for this high pressure transmission line through densely populated areas, past schools and past places attracting large gatherings such as Churches, and Synagogues.

Thank you for your consideration.
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