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COMMENTS: June 1, 2016
Re: Case No. 16-0253-GA-BTX

I live at 6625 Hudson Parkway, Cincinnati, OH. Our property would be directly impacted by the Central Corridor Pipeline Expansion Project. I am adamantly opposed to the pipeline project anywhere in the greater Cincinnati area due to significant safety, environmental, and economic concerns. It is woefully irresponsible to propose a 30" 720psi pipeline through existing densely populated areas. It is unprecedented to even consider such a pipeline adjacent to schools, places of worship, hospitals, day care centers, a nursing home, civic centers, a retail mall, parks, apartment complexes, etc. There are no examples of pipelines of this magnitude being installed in existing residential areas anywhere in the US.

From a safety perspective, there are examples of catastrophic failures in San Bruno, near Pittsburgh, and in West Virginia. The West Virginia failure occurred within one year of installation, so it is not just old or outdated pipes that fail. There are about 1,800 reports of leaks since 2003. Any one of those could have been a disaster. Two independent studies have shown that a catastrophic failure or explosion of the proposed pipe would cause significant loss of life, severe burns, and property damage of up to 2,000 feet away. That is a ¼ mile wide damage zone. It would cut off evacuation routes and access for first responders.

There would be substantial environmental impact with extensive loss of mature trees, changes to water run-off, loss of green space, and impact to wildlife with any of the three proposed routes. One of the proposed routes would cause a loss of several 80 to 100 year old trees on

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our property, and the trees are one of the primary reasons that we initially purchased this property to make our home.

The pipeline would create a negative economic impact to anyone living or owning a business near the pipeline with increased insurance costs, loss of home and property values, loss of tax revenue for the municipalities involved, reduced opportunity for growth, increased cost for emergency planning and emergency response, etc. We already know of a realtor that is likely to lose a sale, a commission, and a client due to the proposed pipeline.

Duke has indicated that this is the first of five phases, but they have not shared information about the other four phases. There is strong evidence that this is an interstate line that should involve the federal government. A compressor station near Lebanon is being tripled in capacity. The quantity of gas being transmitted far exceeds any needs that Cincinnati may or may not have. It appears that Duke does not want the federal governments involved, and with good reason. They do not want additional constraints placed upon the project.

From a county wide perspective, Hamilton County is undergoing significant enhancement and upgrades to its 911 emergency response system. There are four key communication centers for the county. One has a tower in French Park and the dispatch center in the Amberley Village Municipal Building. One of the pipeline routes is directly between the tower and the dispatch center. If a catastrophic event occurs with the pipeline in this general vicinity, approximately one quarter of the 911 service to the county would be disrupted. From a planning perspective, co-locating a source of potential explosion with a 911 response system is ill-conceived and injudicious.

Strong opposition to the pipeline has been voiced by constituents in several communities in the greater Cincinnati area, at least a dozen of which I am aware. As noted previously, it is irresponsible that Duke proposed the pipeline through densely populated areas. I strongly appeal to the Ohio Power Siting Board to take a responsible position on the pipeline and stop the proposed extension through densely populated areas of greater Cincinnati.

Sincerely,

Gregory C. Robinson