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Ohio Power Siting Board
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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RE: Case ID 16-0253-GA-BTX

Dear Commissioners,

I wish to express my deep and serious concern about Duke Energy's proposed Central Corridor Pipeline Extension. This project will place highly pressurized gas transmission pipelines in residential and urban areas, near schools, congregations, retail businesses and other gathering places. For the most part, the three routes being explored use neighborhood streets and important traffic streets, which will be beyond disruptive for large numbers of people. I think the routes are absolutely inappropriate siting for the risks associated with high pressure transmission pipelines. Regardless of the inconvenience to Duke Energy, the pipelines must be re-routed away from places where people congregate, as well as residential areas and streets.

I live close to the red route. If there is ever a problem, it would be very difficult to evacuate residents from my neighborhood without using Ridge Avenue. Our wooded areas would feed quite a fire.

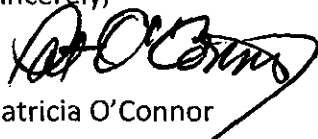
Having the entire red route proposed length of Ridge dug up would be my idea of hell. I am very concerned about the loss of trees and degradation of green space - Duke is not gentle on our environment, and I think they will destroy much in our neighborhood for their pipeline.

You have only to look at how we maintain our infrastructure in this country to see why a high pressure pipeline could become a problem in the future. And frankly, we have had so many power outages in the last few years that I do not trust Duke's (or whoever buys the company next) ability to do a good job maintaining the pipeline. In fact, I'm about to buy a generator because of my husband's medical needs.

I have taken care of burn patients, and I would not wish this injury on anyone. It requires months of total care to heal from a serious burn. Patients suffer for weeks, and then sometimes die from infection and organ failure. Rehabilitation is long and painful; burned people are often seriously disabled and disfigured. No pipeline is worth that.

I support natural gas as relatively clean energy. I cannot support a pipeline that goes through sensitive residential and urban areas. I urge you to require Duke Energy to re-route their pipeline entirely away from settled areas or develop another solution to moving the gas.

Sincerely,



Patricia O'Connor

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