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180 E Broad Street  
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Reference Case No. 16-0253-GA-BTX

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Dear Board Members:

As Mayor of Amberley Village, I am writing to state my opposition to the proposed route of Duke Energy's Central Corridor Pipeline Expansion Project through Amberley Village. This proposed route will have a very significant impact on the environment, people's lives, and indeed property values in our area. It appears that Duke Energy has primarily considered cost in their evaluation of possible routes. The Ohio Power Siting Board should decline this project and request Duke Energy to consider and evaluate alternative routes that do not traverse populated areas like the current proposed routes. Specifically, I call attention to the following with respect to the route through Amberley Village:

1. Amberley Village has strived through the years to maintain its natural park-like setting and has always tried to protect its mature trees. The proposed route through Amberley Village would necessitate the removal of many mature trees. Our trees have been under threat from factors like the Emerald Ash Borer and we should avoid projects like this if there are alternatives that better protect our mature trees.
2. The proposed route through Amberley Village goes along Ridge Rd. for more than one mile. Ridge Rd. is a heavily used two lane road and construction would require its partial or total closure for substantial time. This will be very disruptive and pose a safety issue for Amberley Village. Our police and fire crews use Ridge Rd. as the primary access road to move from one side of the Village to the other. Our police and fire station is located on Ridge Rd. and there are not any reasonable alternatives to move from one side of the Village to the other.
3. One of the options being considered for the route through Amberley Village would involve right-of-ways through the backyards of many residents. This would have a significant impact on people's lives and property values.

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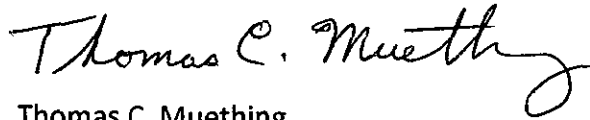


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4. I realize that Duke would strive to operate the pipeline in a safe manner but it seems to be irresponsible to select routes through populated areas when there are other alternatives. Cost should not trump safety as it appears to do in this case.

I urge the Ohio Power Siting Board to decline Duke's proposed routes and seek alternatives that are safer, less disruptive and more considerate to our environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas C. Muething". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Thomas C. Muething