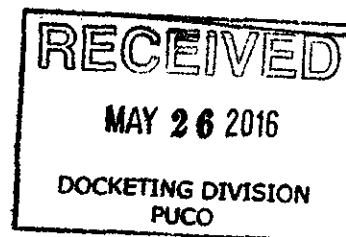


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To Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
May 25, 2016



To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you to voice my concern about the proposed 30 inch natural gas pipeline that is to run along a heavily travelled Interstate 71, through a residential community of Blue Ash, bordering another residential community of Montgomery and through a very commercial/retail areas of Kenwood shopping areas, and other residential communities and well-travelled roads. In aftermath of recent explosion and fire which burned one individual while in his home when such a pipe exploded near Pittsburgh, PA on April 29th, I question the safety of such a large size pipe being used for flammable gas.

I wrote to a Duke representative regarding my concerns, and Ms. Bethany Dale wrote back to me asking for my address, but did not answer any of my concerns. I replied to her, but have not heard back from her since. (email correspondence is below)

As far as Duke's responsiveness and their oversight, there is a concern. My neighbor walking his dog and I smelled gas on the street in front and to the south side of my house. I think it was last summer, but it could have been the fall of 2014. I called Duke to have it checked out. It turned out that it was coming from a leak in the underground pipe connecting to the house across the street from mine. Duke came out and dug a hole on the lawn adjacent to my property to get to the pipe source. At the time, the contractor doing the work told me they were going to check the pipe to the house next door to mine, since the pipes were connected. It concerned me because the pipe ran up the boundary line where I have a sprinkler system. They never came to do the work. They buried the hole and I cannot remember if they did any reseeding.

Fast forward to March or so of this year. I had a tree cut down near the old hole area, and I had a landscaping company level the area and seed and cover with straw. Just a few days later, landscaper hired by Duke comes and starts to rake the straw from my new seeded area. I came over to stop them, quite upset and asked under whose directions they were doing this to my property, and they told me they were hired by Duke. The landscaper clearly had no idea what areas to reseed, and even seeing the area was just reseeded and covered with straw, proceeded to remove the straw to lay down whatever product they had. I asked them to call Duke and to stop messing with my property, which had nothing to do with the hole Duke had dug up last year. Besides, they are sending someone to reseed after over a year??? This is a poor oversight by Duke on a simple reseeding issue.

It seems like maintenance of existing pipes are in need first before even considering a 30 inch diameter pipe of highly flammable gas. Duke's poor oversight on a simple reseeding gives me doubts that they can oversee something that impacts our safety of this magnitude. Their lack of information on the safety of a 30 inch gas pipe, and the sharing of such information with the residents who would be impacted, and not only with the residents where the pipes are proposed to be laid, shows lack of understanding of the whole safety issue. When the pipe malfunctions and explodes, it affects a large area of people and properties.

"The explosion blew a 12 foot deep, 1500 square foot hole and scorched 40 acres. A 24.5 foot section of 30-inch diameter pipe landed 100 feet away. Twenty-six year old James Baker is in the hospital with third degree burns over 75 percent of his body. PHMSA says an unknown amount of natural gas was released into the atmosphere." -from StateImpact article from May 4, 2016 on the explosion in Salem Township, PA, 30 miles east of Pittsburgh.

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"The preliminary investigation (on the explosion near Pittsburgh) shows evidence of corrosion on the pipeline which 'indicates possible flaw in the coating material' used in weld joints."—from the same article.

A correlation between seismic activity within the last year and the explosion hasn't been determined but, it is something to keep in mind.

I would like to see the existing pipes kept in good order and in safe condition first and foremost. **After seeing what an explosion of such a 30 inch gas pipe can do, I do not want it anywhere.**

I have been paying \$5 a month for many years towards Duke's GoGreen program to support cleaner and safer sources of energy for the environment. I would like to see Duke continue with working with safer and cleaner sources of energy.

Sincerely,
Michiko Kissinger
Resident of Montgomery, in the subdivision adjacent to I-71.

Following are articles on the Pittsburgh explosion:

<http://www.post-gazette.com/local/westmoreland/2016/04/29/Emergency-crews-respond-to-gas-well-explosion-in-Westmoreland-County-pennsylvania/stories/201604290161>

<http://www.alleghenyfront.org/man-injured-in-gas-pipeline-explosion-in-western-pennsylvania/>

<http://www.nofrackingway.us/2016/04/30/massive-deadly-gas-pipeline-explosion/>

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2016/05/04/pa-pipeline-explosion-evidence-of-corrosion-found/>

From: Michiko Kissinger [mailto:mbkissinger@cinci.rr.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2016 2:59 PM

To: 'Bethany Dale'

Subject: RE: the proposed pipeline construction

Ms. Dale,

I was expecting to hear specifically answers to my concerns. I have read the website that you shared the link below. It does not answer all the questions I have posed. I would appreciate it if you would answer my questions.

There was an article that was shared with our community by a resident from our neighborhood that cited an explosive noise and then a huge fire from such 30 inch gas pipe that took place near Pittsburgh on Friday. A man was burned from this fire. I am questioning the safety of such massive source of flammable gas flowing through residential and commercial areas.

Where have Duke or any other company installed a 30 inch diameter gas pipe elsewhere besides the one near Pittsburgh? How many explosions/fires have occurred besides the recent one in Pittsburgh? If there was a fire/explosion of whatever cause related to the 30 inch diameter gas pipe, have you estimated the extent of potential casualty to any neighborhood you are proposing to install at?

I live at 10551 Storybook Drive, in Storybook Acres subdivision.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Michiko Kissinger

From: Bethany Dale [<mailto:Bethany.Dale@etc-online.com>]
Sent: Monday, May 2, 2016 10:31 AM
To: Michiko Kissinger
Subject: RE: the proposed pipeline construction

Mr. Michiko,

Thank you for your email. Can you provide me with your home address so I can compare your location to the proximity of the potential routes?

Duke will submit its application to the Ohio Power Siting Board this summer. That application will propose one preferred route and an alternate route. Only one route will be selected/permitted by the Ohio Power Siting Board.

Sincerely,

Bethany Dale

Project Email: CentCorridorpipeline@duke-energy.com

Project Website: <http://www.duke-energy.com/ohio/natural-gas/central-corridor.asp>

Project Phone: 513-287-2130

From: Michiko Kissinger [<mailto:mbkissinger@cinci.rr.com>]
Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2016 2:43 PM
To: CentCorridorPipeline@duke-energy.com
Subject: the proposed pipeline construction

To Whom It May Concern:

I just read about this pipeline project. I am a resident of Montgomery, in the subdivision just east of I-71. I was not aware of the two meetings in March you already had for announcements.

Will there be another meeting for questions and answers so I and other people who have not heard about this can attend?

I saw three proposed pipeline routes, with potential reroutes. Are all three pipeline routes taking place?

The pipes are 30 inches, I assume in diameter. Is it carrying a very high pressure gas, instead of the lower pressure gas of the old? How high is the pressure? What are the potential damages if and should one of these malfunction?

How is the gas being transported to the end points of these routes?

Are the sources of gas from fracking in Ohio?

What effects will there be on residents? Will any of the pipes be laid down on people's properties, or under the streets or on the city's right of way but on the resident's properties?

I would appreciate if you could answer my concerns.

Thank you,

Michiko Kissinger