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I would like the attached document included with the public comment just submitted (web submission number 107311) regarding 16-0253-GA-BTX under case title: Duke Energy Ohio.

Thank you

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The Ohio Power Siting Board  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Members of the Board:

We are writing on the behalf of the University of Cincinnati and UC Blue Ash College to express our opposition to the Duke Energy proposals for a new 30" natural gas transmission line that would run through the City of Blue Ash and along either the front or back of the UC Blue Ash campus.

There are multiple proposed pipeline routes under consideration for the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project. Two of these possible routes could have a direct impact on the university; the proposed blue route that would go along the east portion at the front of the UC Blue Ash campus and the pink route that would traverse the north and west portions toward the back of the campus.

We have conducted a thorough review of the plans and believe that these proposed routes could cause significant ecological damage to university property and, more importantly, would create a potential safety hazard for everyone on or near the UC Blue Ash campus. There would be the risk of a gas leak or explosion that could impact the 5,000 students who attend the college and the 500-plus students at Blue Ash Elementary, as well as faculty, staff and local residents. Under the proposed blue route, the 30" gas line would actually be located just 200 feet from the elementary school and 600 feet from Muntz Hall, the largest building on the campus.

The plans for the pink route would force Duke Energy to remove hundreds of mature trees, many of which are over 100 years old. Along with the safety risks already noted, there could be extensive ecological damage to the university woodlot and the riparian corridors that could take decades to repair. The natural tree buffer between UC Blue Ash and our surrounding residents would also be destroyed.

We certainly understand the need for Duke Energy to provide the region with an ample supply of natural gas. However, placing a large, high-pressure natural gas line in such close proximity to the large populations on and near the UC Blue Ash College campus (which includes Blue Ash Elementary) would pose a daily concern.

We respectfully request that when the Duke Energy proposals for the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project are before you as the authorizing board, you will strongly consider alternatives that are not located so close to these schools and large populations. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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