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Asim Z. Haque, Chairman
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Re: Case No. OPSB 16-253-GA-BTX

Dear Mr. Haque:

My family opposes Duke Energy's current plans for the Central Corridor pipeline, specifically the "pink" line. Running what appears to be an experimental 30" diameter underground high-pressure gas line through my community will have an adverse impact on the quality of life, pose an environmental risk and will be a direct threat to safety.

One proposed (pink) route would run along Ridge Road, the main artery of Amberley Village and the site of our police and fire departments; construction of such a line would severely compromise Village safety services. It would reduce our property values, and in turn the tax base that supports our police and fire departments. And its inherent risks would increase homeowners' insurance premiums.

Construction of such a line would pose major damage to our woodlands, waterways (we are on the Millcreek watershed) and green space. Since 2005, Amberley Village is recognized by the Arbor Foundation as a "Tree City," an honor that celebrates the importance of *urban* tree canopy. We understand that Duke Energy will be clearing 30-50 feet of tree line for this project. This is unacceptable and not consistent with the environmental stewardship of our Village and the community at large.

In addressing my concerns, I received a form letter from a Duke representative with the customary safety platitudes, but little concrete information as to why a densely populated, tree-filled area would be an ideal place to run a first-time, 30" high pressure gas line, and how this line would meld with the landscape and not interfere with the quality of life. The fact that Duke has tried to maintain a low profile and provide nebulous information about the Central Corridor pipeline is dismissive of the Community it serves.

Finally, it does not escape attention that the pink line looks like a streetcar route linking over half a dozen meeting places for the Jewish Community across several different neighborhoods.

I ask that that the pink route be eliminated from consideration.

Sincerely,



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