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Re: OPSB case number 16-0253-GA-BTX

Dear Chairman Haque,

I am writing concerning Duke Energy's proposal to run a huge high-pressure natural gas pipeline through densely populated urban and suburban areas, including near other chemical storage areas in the Cincinnati area. The magnitude of the project and the compressed pressure of this pipeline is unprecedented in populated areas. It is a massive safety hazard, disruptive to the environment, and can result in significant loss to property values, tax revenues, and business developments. Significant accidents causing death and destruction have occurred with newer pipelines carrying much less gas and compressed pressure. Hundreds of leakages have occurred throughout the United States, such as West Virginia, San Bruno CA, Salem Township PA, and Porter Ranch CA. These pipelines belong in rural unpopulated areas. It is irresponsible for Duke to propose such a plan, and it is irresponsible to approve such a plan. Each of the three routes proposed by Duke Energy for its Central Corridor Extension Pipeline poses a danger to residential areas.

Please assist the citizens of the proposed Central Corridor in their strong opposition to this proposal which is being considered by the Ohio Power Siting Board. Duke Energy has not supplied any reasonable rationale for this proposed route other than that additional capacity is needed. That may be true, but this does not seem like a responsible way to address capacity needs.

Sincerely,



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