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Dear Members of PUCO,

I am writing to record my opposition to the Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project (OPSB Case #16-0253-GA-BTX) which Duke Energy has proposed for Hamilton County.

All of the proposed routes run through old, established neighborhoods in Cincinnati and pose an unacceptable level of risk to the residents of the affected areas. Regardless of any risk analysis which may be run in this case, any level of risk is unacceptable when the proven consequences of fire and explosions in such pipelines have been repeatedly demonstrated. Over the last 20 years, the frequency of serious incidents of US pipelines with fatalities has averaged 43 per year. The frequency of significant incidents with major consequences has averaged 283 per year.

Duke Energy has admitted they have never completed such a project in such a heavily populated area before. They did not consult with Hamilton County, local environmental groups, or first responders when developing these plans.

With the Flint Water Crisis and the Gulf Oil water spill serving as cautionary tales to all public officials, I sincerely urge you to reject this project or any such project passing through populated areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

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