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Hello,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed Duke Natural Gas Pipeline (case #16-0253-GA-BTX).

This unnecessarily large diameter pipeline puts people and property at significant risk, based on explosions and resulting fires from similar pipelines.

There are many recorded incidents of explosions and rapidly expanding fires, which have led to death and injury. These have been seen from California to Pennsylvania, and in Texas and many other states. These explosions have taken place with new pipelines, and ones similar to those in Duke's proposal.

While I understand that natural gas is growing in popularity, particularly as coal declines, the huge pipeline -- and the large risks and disruptions it will create -- is an out-of-proportion to the need. This size pipeline is absolutely inappropriate for routing through highly populated areas.

I urge the Public Utilities Commission to reflect the concerns of the local communities, and reject Duke's dangerous proposal.

Sincerely,

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