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# COMPLAINT DESCRIPTION:

To Chairman Asim Z. Haque, I live in an older lovely, diverse middle class neighborhood in the city of Cincinnati. Through a letter in May, I was informed by Duke Energy that they are building a high velocity/high density TRANSPORT natural gas pipeline and they have three proposed routes, each and every one of those routes through established, heavily populated

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2016 JUH 20 PH 1: 35 PUCO neighborhoods. IF the route that I live on is chosen, the pipeline will run right down the property line of my small house on my small lot. I have been told that the size and volume of this natural gas pipeline has not occurred before through already established existing neighborhoods. Similar 30 inch gas transport pipelines have indeed been run, but through rural areas and if there are residences, they have been built after the pipeline was installed. I believe that this is a BAD idea and a high volume, transport pipeline of this magnitude has no business going through these densely populated, established neighborhoods. Additionally, I have seen films of what natural gas transport pipeline explosions do to a neighborhood. Please make yourself familiar with this...you can see results of an explosion in 2010 in San Bruno California. Photos of the houses in the blast area look like the results of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, on a smaller scale. Over 100 houses were destroyed. Pacific Gas and Electric paid a fine of over 1.5 BILLION dollars but is now involved in a trial for CRIMINAL charges. Duke Energy should not be taking the chance of exposing the thousands of Greater Cincinnati residents to this potential catastrophe. The bottom line is that this belongs in NO neighborhood. One other item that Duke Energy would NOT answer was the endpoint use of this transported gas. From what is read in the proposal, this gas will supply more than 2 million households, FAR MORE than the city would ever have use for. AND because of the nature of the transport, I would like to have Duke answer the question of exactly WHERE is the final destination of this gas? I do not believe that it is Greater Cincinnati BUT for areas far beyond. If that is the case, is that not INTERSTATE transport and subject to FEDERAL Law? Duke has sidestepped this question and answer in each of the "open houses". That alone is CRIMINAL in terms of trying to get around Federal law due to non-compliance. From the proposed routes, it would appear LOGICAL to follow the path of Interstate 71, since the beginning and end points are on I-71. This is something the State and the Ohio Power Siting Board should consider. It's time that the state and local governments give greater consideration to their residents than to big business. People are sick and tired, as reflected in the choices of Presidential candidates. I implore you to NOT ALLOW Duke to move forward with these proposals and go another "route", through more rural, less populated areas. Especially for a transport pipeline that could do devastating and catastrophic damage. Knowing this, in my opinion, the Ohio Power Siting Board members could be considered complicit in their choice if they allow Duke to do this. The results of the Pacific Gas and Electric criminal trial will be very interesting to watch and I hope that Duke takes notice and reconsiders. Your assistance will be most valuable and appreciated. Respectfully submitted, Georgianne Gaz