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Ohio Power Sitting Board
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to the Ohio Power Sitting Board, PUCO and Duke Energy to register my strong opposition to Duke's proposed plan to install a 30 inch high pressure Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension transmission pipeline along Glendale-Milford Road in Evendale, Ohio (The Green Line). A berm, with large 20+ year old trees that we have planted and nurtured, is all that shields our home from the heavy traffic on Glendale-Milford Road. As well as the esthetic value of the trees, they also provides critical noise abatement. The same is true for other neighbors along this route. If Duke installs it's transmission line on this proposed route those trees will be removed - gone forever. It will have a severe detrimental impact on the value and beauty of our properties, our privacy, and our lifestyles.

Beyond these considerations, Duke's proposed plan would potentially result in even graver consequences. Fourteen plus explosions of these pipelines have occurred in the US over the last 16 years. Most have occurred in rural areas, where loss of life and property damage was minimized. However, the damage from one of these explosions in a populated area has been wide reaching and catastrophic. One of the more notable was in San Bruno, California in 2010. Eight people killed - 38 homes destroyed, another 70 damaged. Eyewitnesses reported the initial blast "had a wall of fire more than 1,000 feet high." Ponder the results of such an occurrence on any one the three routes proposed by Duke. After reading and hearing talking points from Duke on the relative safety of its proposed pipeline I did some researching, and came across two quotes from prominent individuals associated with pipeline safety. It brought perspective to this subject for me.

*Senator Jay Rockefeller, D-WV, Chairman of U.S. Senate's Commerce Committee, before a hearing on pipeline failures: "Natural gas transmission is relatively safe...but that is like saying that flying is safe until your plane goes down."

*Carl Weimer, Executive Director of Pipeline Safety Trust, an advocacy group in Bellingham, Washington: "Transporting natural gas by pipeline is the safest way to move that energy. Still, every nine or 10 days on average someone ends up dead or in the hospital from these pipelines. More needs to be done for safety."

That Dukes would even consider routing a 30 inch high pressure natural gas transmission pipeline through established, high density residential, commercial, and public neighborhoods and communities is appalling...and arrogant. For those who would bear the disruption and destruction from the installation of this pipeline on any one of the three

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proposed routes, there would be no upside. The only upside would be for Duke, and its future expanded customer base - which would not be in our area.

Please listen to, and give careful consideration to the large and growing opposition from all concerned parties in the Villages, Townships, Cities and County impacted by the three proposed routes - and **reject Dukes request for approval**. If the pipeline is needed - request they find a safer, far less densely populated route which would result in far less collateral damage.

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