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

I have recently attended three community meetings, including one sponsored by Duke Energy.

Duke Energy has indicated that it has never installed a natural gas transmission line of this size carrying this much pressure in any area this densely populated. It has indicated that such transmission lines are typically in rural areas.

Early on Duke indicated that one factor in selecting sites was "socioeconomic". We are of the opinion that Duke rejected a high income very low populated rural-type adjacent area based on this. Duke has since removed "socioeconomic" from its criteria for the line placement.

Duke at one point indicated that the transmission line is necessary to avoid "brown outs". Many have indicated that the volume of gas transported by this line exceeds by many times the need for present Duke customers and the need for future customers in this area.

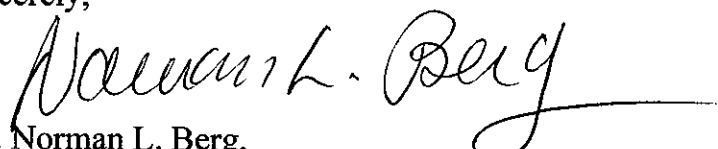
Duke has indicated that the transmission line is "intrastate". No one believes the transmission line will end in Ohio but will go further south into other states. This would make the line "interstate" where Federal regulations would apply.

Duke has indicated that many routes were considered which suggests that alternative routes through less densely populated could be used.

The present routes being proposed are solely for the benefit of Duke Energy at the peril of the safety, environmental impact, and economic issues of the designated communities.

These are just a few of the reasons why I ask you to reject the proposed routes.

Sincerely,


Dr. Norman L. Berg,
Professor

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