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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio, 43215

RE: Case No. 16-253-GA-BTX

ATTN:

Mr. Asim Haque
Mr. Thomas W. Johnson
Mr. Andre T. Porter
Ms. Lynn Slaby
Ms. Beth Trombold

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Dear Commission Members,

I am writing to express my opposition to the pipeline installation proposed by Duke Energy. One of the options presented will be located within two blocks of my parents' home. I believe the entire approach of installing a large high pressure gas pipeline in established urban/suburban residential neighborhoods is not safe and not in the interest of the "public good". The history of pipelines of this nature exploding is potentially very dangerous. According to federal records, gas companies reported 35 explosions and 32 ignitions at their transmission pipelines since 2010. During that time, 17 people died and 86 were injured in incidents involving pipelines.

Those figures are too high to take this risk. I do not trust that Duke Energy will allocate the proper resources to inspect and maintain the proposed pipeline for the extent of its lifetime.

Last week the water main in my parents' neighborhood broke. It happens.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugAuld428IY>

I cannot imagine the carnage when the proposed pipeline malfunctions.

I urge you to reject this application and send Duke Energy back to the drawing board to find a better, safer solution for our neighborhoods, city, and state.

Sincerely,



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