

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

RE: 16-0253-GA-BTX

I am a resident of Blue Ash, OH. I am writing to record my opposition to the Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project. After reviewing the information from Duke's public meetings, I am even more convinced this project would pose a serious threat to the safety of the citizens of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

Duke Energy wants to run a massive, high-pressure natural gas pipeline directly through my densely populated neighborhood! Within the danger zone near the three proposed routes are schools, hospitals, day care centers, places of worship, small businesses, major shopping areas and tens of thousands of homes. This is an unprecedented project and a massive safety hazard. Any explosion could kill or injure thousands of residents within the pipeline's path.

Our quiet neighborhood is growing with young families, but the proposed pipeline runs nearby our elementary schools (including the one my now three year olds will be attending in the coming years!). I understand that these pipelines are normally run in rural areas, so the periodic accidents (averaging 6 to 10 incidents a year) have not yet caused substantial loss of life. However, the one in suburban San Bruno CA cost 8 lives, 51 injuries and \$550million in property damage, leaving a crater behind 6 years later. Why are there no proposed routes in rural areas? What is Duke Energy thinking, proposing a pipeline with double the CA pressures through more densely populated, urban areas? Such a pipeline should not be allowed in ANY urban or suburban area of our country.

Duke Energy has also not given justification as to why it needs a pipeline that can serve 2 million households when its monopoly serves less than 500,000 here in the southwest corner of the state. I am writing of my direct experience with my neighborhood, but I'm sure all the other impacted, densely-populated neighborhoods along all three proposed routes have their own stories.

Please send Duke Energy back to the drawing boards to propose a safer alternative, justified by local needs, with route proposals built with community input.

Sincerely,

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