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This comment pertains to the proposed gas transmission line and its three routes considered under case 16-0253. Duke has proposed a 30" gas transmission line to run from Northern Hamilton County Ohio southward to the suburbs or Fairfax or Norwood. In an informational letter sent to others, Duke claims the line is needed to maintain supply to local residents. At an informational seminar hosted at the Blue Ash Golf Course recently, Duke had very little in the way of information. They had company representatives at specific stations for specific questions. If your question was not among the ones predetermined, it was not answered. I first would call into question the necessity of a 30" gas transmission line to run through a densely populated area that is already completely served with gas by Duke. This line is stated to operate at either 400 p.s.i. or 600 p.s.i. What is the capacity of such a line? Is Duke projecting such enormous growth that the residential and commercial properties will be double stacked to create such a requirement? If this truly is a need to replace existing transmission lines due to age and deterioration, then by all means they should replace those lines where they currently exist, as Duke did a number of years ago when they increased the delivery pressure to our neighborhood. Duke contractors excavated the street and installed new piping. This appears to be more of new enterprise to transfer new gas supplies to the Ohio River for transportation of little benefit to local residents. Motives aside, two of the three routes transit within 260' (the intersection of Myrtle and Beech Avenues) to 1,000' (Blue Ash Road) of our residence. Each of these routes traverse a densely populated area that includes the Deer Park School District, Amity School (K-6) at a similar distance, as well as other schools and residential area along the proposed route. Other portions of the routes include one side or the other of the Jewish Hospital Kenwood which has just constructed a new 127 bed patient tower, bringing the total bed count to 250. Also the Kenwood Town Center and Sycamore Plaza shopping and entertainment areas are to be traversed. We question the wisdom and safety of such routing. Duke has only sent letters to property owners that might be directly impacted i.e. easements required. In those letters they mention the prospect of a construction project that may span 14 – 18 months. They attempt to mitigate the description of the impact stating that individual property owners will only be affected for a few days. But in the same letter they state the entire pipeline will be pressure tested before the excavation if back-filled. Do they intend to leave a 30" plus trench open for 14 – 18 months? Duke has been less than diligent in their managing of contractors as evidenced in the supply work performed in our neighborhood previously. Repair and restoration was not a priority, and residents had to involve the township to achieve results. Further during this construction project, when gas was to be restored to my bi-level home, Duke needed to "inspect" my gas appliances before restoring service (a noble effort). Unfortunately, the "inspector" they sent told me my service was defective because of a drip leg issue. Our gas service enters the home from the meter mounted on the side of the foundation up to a level between the two floors then laterally and down to the first floor utility room with a drip leg at the bottom of the service drop. The "inspector" said this was wrong because gas comes up out of the ground and the drip leg had to be installed at the top of the pipe. The red tag for this is a sad indicator of the expertise Duke contractors. In summary, we firmly believe this whole project is conceived for Duke's

economic gain with little consideration for residents' and businesses' safety or welfare. We would request the Power Siting Board to direct Duke to reevaluate their route(s) with an emphasis on safety and service necessity. Respectfully submitted, Jeffrey Pfohl Sharyn Pfohl 4228 Myrtle Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45236-2410