



Because the amount of natural gas this proposed pipeline could carry is many times the total amount used by all business and retail consumers in Ohio, and because it appears that the pipeline will eventually be connected to port cities on the Gulf of Mexico, it is reasonable to assume that Duke Energy believes the international market for natural gas will be strong. That would mean jobs for Ohioans, money to build and/or upgrade hydraulic fracturing operations to modern safety and environmental standards, and profits for Duke Energy shareholders. Those are all good things. This pipeline must be rerouted through unpopulated areas, and Duke Energy must demonstrate it has the ability to build and maintain it safely, to make those things happen.

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