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Ohio Power Sitting Board
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To Whom It May Concern:

As Clerk of Council, I hereby certify the following Resolution by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio passed at its session on June 15, 2016.

RESOLUTION 30 -2016

EXPRESSING Cincinnati City Council's opposition to the proposed Central Corridor Pipeline Extension by Duke Energy.

Sincerely,

Melissa Autry, CMC
Clerk of Council

Enclosure

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WHEREAS, Duke Energy has proposed to construct a 12-mile-long 30-inch-diameter high pressure natural gas pipeline through various populated neighborhoods of Hamilton County including through parts of the City of Cincinnati including Pleasant Ridge and Madisonville; and

WHEREAS, impacted residents and neighbors have expressed concern and opposition to the project, and village and city councils throughout the region along with State Representatives Dever and Driehaus and Hamilton County Commissioners have already publicly opposed the project traversing through the densely populated areas as proposed; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Cincinnati is concerned about the environmental and economic impacts of the proposed pipeline including destruction to the natural environment, depression of property values along the route and the potential for additional environmental hazards; and

WHEREAS, Council of the City of Cincinnati is concerned with the safety risks associated with potential accidents and explosions resulting from high pressure pipelines given that this a densely populated area and that proposed routes pass by schools, churches, homes and business districts rather than the more typical routes for transmission lines along highways or through rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Cincinnati is concerned about impacts of traffic, noise, and other construction impacts to residential neighborhoods and local businesses resulting from Duke's proposed 16-month construction project, which construction will include extensive work in public streets through both residential and commercial areas; and

WHEREAS, Duke Energy has not engaged with the Council of the City of Cincinnati about the proposed pipeline route and Duke's intent to construct, operate, and maintain portions of the pipeline in perpetuity beneath or adjacent to City streets nor has it provided a compelling public purpose or necessity for this project to traverse through the heart of Hamilton County including Cincinnati neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, as a result of all of the foregoing, City Council expresses concern about the currently proposed routes of the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Cincinnati City Council hereby expresses its opposition to the siting of a 30-inch natural gas pipeline through City limits and requests Duke Energy and the Ohio Power Siting Board to ensure a safe route selection and installation outside the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council with copies delivered to the Ohio Power Siting Board.

Passed: June 15, 2016

Attest: _____

Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember P.G. Sittenfeld

John Cranley
John Cranley, Mayor