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16-253-GA-BTX

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Ohio Power Siting Board  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Case #: 16-0253-GA-BTX; Duke Energy Central Corridor Natural Gas Pipeline

Dear Members of the Siting Board:

I live in Carpenters Run subdivision located in Blue Ash Ohio. Our home is located within close proximity to routes Duke Energy has proposed for siting their 30" high pressure natural gas pipeline. I am writing to convey my opposition to locating this massive pipeline in such a highly populated area surrounded by schools, daycare centers, universities, shopping centers, hospitals, recreation centers, churches and synagogues.

Our neighborhood is adjacent to Summit Park; a massive park in the final stages of development and the location where Duke has proposed placing their pipeline. This park was designed to draw people to the area and is a destination location for many large festivals. Gatherings attract in excess of 100,000 visitors for events such as Red, White and Blue Ash; A Taste of Blue Ash and Buckle Up music festival. All this before the park is even finished!

Blue Ash is experiencing significant growth. A large commercial developer (Al Neyer) plans to build a massive multi use development on a 100-acre site adjacent to the park to provide even more residential options as well as hotel, retail and office space that is in high demand. Duke's current plan suggests routes that would be unsuitable for this area as planned construction presents significant opportunity for accidental breaches that would be nothing short of disastrous.

In addition to our residential community, Blue Ash is the second largest business community in Southwest Ohio. Our population increases by approximately 40,000 who commute here daily. Duke proposes pipeline routes down Reed Hartman Highway, a major thoroughfare that serves many large corporate offices such as Kroger, Toyota and P&G as well as smaller companies who would face significant financial impact by the construction issues alone not to mention the safety issues.

Please send Duke back to the drawing board to do a better job planning. The pipeline they propose is too dangerous for such a highly populated area and is irresponsible and negligent according to their own industry standards. Duke's goal seems to focus solely on minimizing their costs with total disregard for the cost we will incur in deflated property values, environmental losses, increased insurance costs, not to mention the safety and wellbeing of our family and community.

Respectfully submitted,

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