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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793
Re: 16-0253-GA-BTX

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Dear Siting Board Members:

I am writing in opposition to Duke Energy's *Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project*, docket number 16-0253-GA-BTX.

As a small business owner serving the Greater Cincinnati region for over 38 years my office and warehouse facilities are adjacent to all three of Duke's revised planned proposed Pink, Green and Orange routes as indicated per maps provided by Duke at their Open House event held on June 15, 2016, at Cooper Creek in Blue Ash. The planned proposed green and pink routes would be less than 1000 feet from my company's headquarters. The planned proposed orange route would be less than 1500 feet from my company's headquarters. As such, each of these planned proposed routes could potentially place myself, my husband and our employees at GRAVE RISK should this 30 inch 720 PSI gas transmission pipeline leak and/or worse yet, explode!

Leitner Electric Company is our family business. It was built with hard work, dedication and pride. We have survived challenging economic times and are proud to say we are now growing! We are the heart of America! We volunteer our time to our community. We mentor young people who are interested in pursuing vocational careers. We hire our Nation's Veterans. We have, and will continue, to sponsor diverse Tri-State Community Public, Private and Parochial School Organizations and Events, in addition to, sponsoring Community Youth Sporting Teams.

The State Licensed services we provide are critical to ensure the safety of people's lives! We have been known to complete necessary electrical work even if a family is unable to pay us for the services rendered. One might ask why? And the answer is quite simply, so we can sleep at night knowing... maybe...just maybe... we have done the RIGHT thing by doing our best to help a family in need feel safe in their homes.

Therefore, I ask each and every one of you as members of the Ohio Siting Board chosen for your expertise and sound judgement to do the RIGHT THING and DO NOT allow Duke Energy to proceed with any of these planned proposed routes! A gas

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transmission pipeline of this magnitude **SHOULD NEVER** be placed in a densely populated region!

This is my community. It is where I live and where I do business. I value its beauty. I value the richness of its pristine landscape. Up the road is Summit Park and Sharon Woods. I walk these parks just about everyday. UC Blue Ash is my University. I attended school there for the first two years of my academic career. It is adjacent to my home. I attend art shows and community theatre presentations there. Blue Ash Elementary is the school my children attended, a place where I volunteered my time for many years. It is where many young children learn, play and socialize. Placing a pipeline alongside any one of these precious places would be a travesty waiting to happen!

I believe this entire project is unwarranted! I believe the project falls under the auspices of old and outdated Ohio Statutes and Codes that **MUST** be expeditiously updated to align with these new pipelines being installed throughout our State. The safety and well being of all Ohio's Citizens depend on it! This is **YOUR** opportunity to make these outdated laws **RIGHT**.

I also believe the Planned and Proposed Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project has been insidious and quite frankly, despicable! As a businesswoman, I would terminate any and all persons involved in this project thus far as the errors in judgement and planning have been appalling!

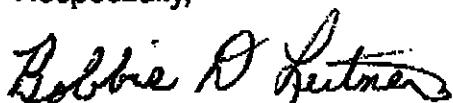
I do understand the contracting business and as such, am fully aware that design flaws, delays and planning revisions are extremely **COSTLY**! Duke has had to alter this project twice already. Inclusive of said changes have been the expenses involved in having to add an additional open house.

I CERTAINLY EXPECT Duke Energy will incur the cost of these egregious errors and **NOT** pass those expenses onto us, their consumers!

I believe Duke Energy must learn from this experience! We the people **DO** have a voice! Duke must be mindful of this and from this moment on practice due diligence and engage its consumers, community leaders and citizens openly, honestly and with full transparency. Listening takes time and dedication. Choosing to go **AROUND** the people only makes matters worse!

Thank you for your time and dedication to public service. It is admirable. If I can answer any questions you might have in the future do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,



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