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

Re: Case 16-253-GA-BTX

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Dear Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board:

The City of Madeira City Council has serious concerns over one of the proposed Duke Energy Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Project routes that would impact the City, specifically the Orange Route, as well as their potential constructability reroutes. This proposed route runs through a single family residential neighborhood on our west boundary. Without detailed property information, the exact impact is difficult to quantify, but even with the limited amount of information available, the Madeira City Council would like to point out these major areas of concern:

Resident Disruption and Safety

The Orange Route appears to go through or is adjacent to high end residential neighborhoods containing homes that have generally increased their value and desirability, even during the economic downturns in the past few years. These neighborhoods contain mature trees that enhance the look, feel, and ultimately the desirability that make people want to live in them. Homes for sale in this area, as with most of Madeira, do not last long on the open real estate market.

The proposed pipeline stands to ruin what are traditionally considered selling points for these neighborhoods. The construction will involve a 10-15'-wide trench that will undoubtedly impact the drip lines and root systems of old growth mature trees. These trees not only enhance the property value with their beauty, but also serve as a sound barrier to I-71. In addition to the damage a pipeline malfunction could cause after construction, the installation process itself will present several logistical challenges and require serious safety precautions. The use of large construction equipment will undoubtedly damage residential streets and create a very dangerous safety situation for the residents, especially families with small children. The well-being of our residents is our first responsibility as a City Council, and this project would definitely impact the safety of our residential neighborhoods.

Traffic Disruption

Any project of this magnitude will create traffic issues in and around the affected construction areas. As well, traffic safety issues are created when construction takes place within public rights-of-ways.

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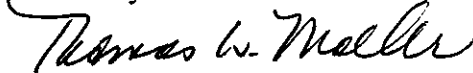
Restoration after Construction

Restoration is always an issue in projects such as this. Past experience with utility companies has not been favorable as achieving restoration to turf and asphalt areas which can remain unfinished and unresolved for months at a time.

We urge the Power Siting Board to reconsider the proposed routes, along with their potential constructability reroutes, and recognize the negative effect they will have on several residential neighborhoods in the City of Madeira, and how construction will severely affect the quality of life for dozens of residents and homes in the path of this project.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions or need additional Information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 513.561.7228.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas W. Moeller".

Thomas W. Moeller
City Manager