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TO: Ohio Power Siting Board
180 E. Broad S
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FROM: Michael Viox, President, Viox Services Inc.

RE: Proposed Duke Energy Pipeline Extension 16-0253-GA-BTX

DATE: July 14, 2016

I am writing on behalf of Viox Services Inc. (EMCOR) to voice our company's strong opposition to Duke Energy's recommendation to install a 30" natural gas pipeline in the City of Reading (16-0253-GA-BTX Duke Energy Pipeline Extension).

As planned, your proposed "Green Route" would be constructed just behind our corporate headquarters at 9655 Reading Road in the City of Reading. Our integrated facilities management and operations/maintenance company has been operating in Reading for seventy years. In 2010 we expanded into the new 23,000 square foot office building at 9655 Reading Road.

Today we have over 225 associates working in Reading. Our business has doubled over the past five years and today we generate approximately \$275M in annual sales. As we continue to grow, we are working on plans to accommodate this growth through expansion of our existing facility. Locating a 30" natural gas pipeline behind our facility would inject a major deterrent to our existing business and proposed expansion, since it would put our employees at risk in the event of a safety incident. The potential harm to lives, property and safety is a major factor in our decision to further invest and expand at our Reading location.

We respectfully request that you abandon the "Green Route" as a viable option to build the proposed Duke Energy Pipeline Extension and instead consider alternatives in less built-up areas that do not have such dense business and residential populations.

Sincerely,

Michael Viox
President

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