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RE: OPSB Case Number 16-0253-GA-BTX

Dear Mr. Goodman,

I am writing today to voice opposition to a recently proposed gas pipeline to be installed in Southwest Ohio by Duke Energy. I am hoping with your position on the Ohio Power Sitting Board, that you can help us fight this potentially dangerous and costly project.

I have recently learned that Duke Energy is planning to put a high capacity, high pressure natural gas transmission line through Hamilton County and one of the three proposed routes takes the pipeline through my community. This project was pushed forward by Duke Energy without input from local, city, or county officials. We believe that the purpose for this pipeline is mainly to transport natural gas from fracking fields to the Gulf of Mexico, so that it can be transported elsewhere for profit by Duke Energy.

The proposed pipeline is a 30", 720 psi line of compressed, highly combustible gas. This isn't safe for any densely populated area and is certainly not safe to run adjacent to schools, hospitals, and fire departments. As a point of reference, the gas line that failed in San Bernadino, CA in 2010 was 30" line with 400 psi capacity. The explosion there was deadly. When these lines fail, there is no warning system in place. There is no evacuating schools, homes, or businesses. Safety issues with these lines have been found at a rate of about 40 per year.

Gas in transmission lines does not include the added scent that acts as a warning of a leak. If there is a leak residents in the area won't know until there are serious health consequences. Moreover, a significant leak resulting in an explosion would be devastating to any community in which this pipeline occurs.

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Apart from the safety concerns, this pipeline will also reduce property values by an estimated 15% of homes along the route, and it will be more costly for property owners to buy home insurance. Given that we do not expect to see any monetary benefit from the pipeline, this is also an undue financial burden.

To my knowledge, Duke Energy does not have experience installing and maintaining such a line through a densely populated area. This heightens my concerns even more.

If you are interested in learning more, I highly recommend checking out <https://nopecincy.org/>. NOPE was started by a concerned group of Blue Ash residents.

NOPE! | Neighbors Opposing Pipeline Extension Project ...

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REVISED ROUTE MAP ANNOUNCED BY DUKE 5.23.2016 - see new vs. old map What are they thinking? Duke Ener

Thank you for your serious consideration of this issue that will adversely impact thousands of Ohioans.

Sincerely,

Katie Simon