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16-0253-GA-BTX

July 21, 2016

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:

The stealth tactics used by Duke Energy to try to put a 30" high pressure gas pipeline in any one of 3 or more densely populated areas confirms both ignorance and arrogance. We have lived in Carpenters Run subdivision located in Blue Ash Ohio for over 30 years. Our home is located within 500 feet to one of the routes Duke Energy has proposed for siting their 30" high pressure natural gas pipeline. We are writing to convey our **SERIOUS** 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.

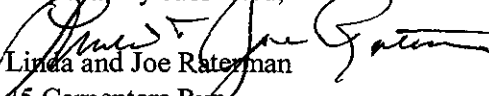
Our neighborhood is adjacent to Summit Park, a massive development in the final stages of development and the location where Duke has proposed placing their pipeline. This park was designed to draw people to the area and is a destination location for many large festivals. Gatherings attract in excess 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! Our neighborhood borders The Blue Ash Golf Course and Cooper Creek Event Center; venues used daily by hundreds of people for recreation and entertainment and less than a block away from University of Cincinnati Raymond Walters and Sycamore Schools.

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.

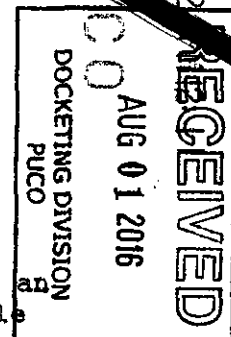
Please send Duke back to the drawing board to do a better job planning. The pipeline they propose is too dangerous for such a highly populated area and is irresponsible and negligent according to their own industry standards. Duke's goal seems to focus solely on minimizing their costs with total disregard 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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