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

RE: Case# 16-0253-GA-BTX; Duke Energy Central Corridor Natural Gas Pipeline

Dear Members of the Siting Board:

I am writing to oppose the Duke Energy Central Corridor Natural Gas Pipeline proposed to run through the greater Cincinnati area. Duke is considering three possible paths that go through highly populated business and residential areas. It runs adjacent to densely-populated neighborhoods, schools, hospitals, day care centers, recreation areas, churches, synagogues, business complexes, and shopping centers. This is an unprecedented project and a massive safety-hazard--an explosion could kill or injure thousands of residents and business employees within the pipeline's path. Furthermore it is destructive to our mature woodlands and green spaces that make our living areas desirable, and places potential financial burdens due to lost property values, increased insurance costs, and lost tax revenues.

I am strongly opposed to this pipeline running through densely populated areas and ask that you to send Duke back to the drawing board. Duke's proposal is a total disregard for the impact on the well-being and safety of our family and community.

Respectfully submitted,

Rickol Marilynne Niekol

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