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Subject: Oppose the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project

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Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

As a resident of Amberley and concerned citizen, I am writing you to register my opposition to Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project (Reference No. 16-253- GA-BTX).

I live in Amberley Village and our property would be directly impacted by the Central Corridor Pipeline Expansion Project. I am adamantly opposed to the pipeline project anywhere in the greater Cincinnati area due to significant safety, environmental, and economic concerns. It is woefully irresponsible to propose a 30? 720psi pipeline through existing densely populated areas. It is unprecedented to even consider such a pipeline adjacent to schools, places of worship, hospitals, day care centers, a nursing home, civic centers, a retail mall, parks, apartment complexes, etc. There are no examples of pipelines of this magnitude being installed in existing residential areas anywhere in the US.
From a safety perspective, there are examples of catastrophic failures in San Bruno, near Pittsburgh, and in West Virginia. The West Virginia failure occurred within one year of installation, so it is not just old or outdated pipes that fail. There are about 1,800 reports of leaks since 2003. Any one of those could have been a disaster. Two independent studies have shown that a catastrophic failure or explosion of the proposed pipe would cause significant loss of life, severe burns, and property damage of up to 2,000 feet away. That is a ? mile wide damage zone. It would cut off evacuation routes and access for first responders.
There would be substantial environmental impact with extensive loss of mature trees, changes to water run-off, loss of green space, and impact to wildlife with any of the three proposed routes. One of the proposed routes would cause a loss of several 80 to 100 year old trees on our property, and the trees are one of the primary reasons that we initially purchased this property to make our home.
The pipeline would create a negative economic impact to anyone living or owning a business near the pipeline with increased insurance costs, loss of home and property values, loss of tax revenue for the municipalities involved, reduced opportunity for growth, increased cost for emergency planning and emergency response, etc. We already know of a realtor that is likely to lose a sale, a commission, and a client due to the proposed pipeline.
If this Pipeline is built it should be co-located with existing pipeline, utility, highway, or railroad easements. Duke energy has indicated that locating this pipeline along a freeway would be too costly and involve dealing with the Federal government. The cost of building this pipeline in any of the proposed residential neighborhoods would be much more costly in terms of harm to people and to the environment. That is the cost we must me concerned about.

This pipeline will travel through densely populated areas, including my neighborhood and will pose a danger to residences, schools, businesses and houses of worship.

Unlike delivery pipelines, this pipeline will be under up to 720psi pressure and an accident or rupture could cause injuries, death and destruction of property within a radius of 1/3 mile.

I ask you to oppose this pipeline and encourage both Duke Energy and the Ohio Power Siting Board to reject this pipeline

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Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Anne Robinson