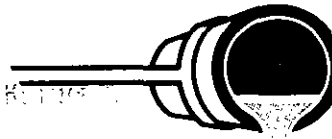


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Aluminum-Sand, Perm. Mold
Bronze-Castings, Bar Stock

September 13, 2016

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Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, OH

Re: Support for Case No. 16-253-GA-BTX

I am writing to express my support for Duke Energy Ohio's proposed Central Corridor Pipeline.

Reliable Castings Corporation is an aluminum foundry in Cincinnati, Ohio. We are heavily dependent on natural gas to power our aluminum melt furnaces.

It is my understanding that Duke Energy Ohio is proposing this pipeline in order to improve the reliability of natural gas delivery throughout the region, as Duke Energy would be able to deliver gas into Hamilton County from more than one direction. This is extremely important to Reliable Castings. It's imperative that a consistent and reliable source of natural gas is available to power our operations. If unforeseen issues occur that cuts our gas supply for an extended period of time, we risk losing the refractory in our melt furnaces which are holding molten metal 24 hours per day and 7 days per week. Refractory replacement and repair costs could be several hundred thousand dollars and could shut our operations down for several weeks.

I understand that another goal of the pipeline is to allow Duke Energy to replace old infrastructure and modernize the overall distribution system, including the future retirement of propane peaking stations. Safety is of vital importance, especially when we are talking about natural gas. We are strongly in favor of moving from decades-old pipes and peaking facilities to new pipes – ones that are built with modern technology and that can be inspected periodically from the inside, by remotely operated devices. We understand that the new pipeline will be far safer than the old facilities currently serving our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. We recommend you approve the project being proposed by Duke Energy Ohio.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Harris".

Chris Harris
Cincinnati Operations Manager
Reliable Castings Corp.

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