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Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad Street
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RE: Case 16-0253-GA-BTX; Duke Energy Central Corridor Gas Pipeline.

Dear Members of the Siting Board:

I am writing to oppose the Duke Energy Central Corridor National Gas Pipeline proposed to run through the Greater Cincinnati area. This pipeline will travel through densely populated areas, including my neighborhood and will pose a danger to residences, schools, businesses and houses of worship. This is a unprecedented project and a massive safety hazard. If a incident does occur, it could kill & injure thousands of residence and destroy businesses plus employees within the pipeline radius.


The Siting Board has a direct responsibility to look out for the rate payer as well as the utility, Does the Siting Board take in to account the liability that Duke is taking on and is the Siting Board willing to take on this liability as well.

This writer is not against Duke Energy from having a large Pipeline but I feel it is irresponsible to propose the pipeline be placed in a urban environment. A rural area is where most pipelines of this magnitude are placed.

Unlike delivery pipelines, this pipeline could be up to 720psi pressure and an accident or rupture could cause injuries, death and destruction of property within a radius of 1/3 mile. Note: any pressure over 100psi is a accident waiting to happen.

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

Thank you for your consideration.


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