

Date: September 30, 2016

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

RE: Case # 16-253-GA-BTX; Duke Energy Ohio C314 Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project

Dear Members of the Siting Board:

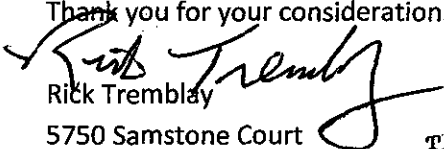
The intent of this letter is to oppose Duke's waiver requesting no additional public meetings and no additional communications to land owners regarding Duke's application dated September 13, 2016.

I am opposing Duke's waiver request for the following reasons:

- The application was not shared, nor available for inspection, during Duke's public meeting in June. At the June meeting Duke was unable to answer several questions, due in part to having most of the information tables staffed by consultants.
- There are still several questions sent to Duke which have yet to be answered.
- On page 3-9 of the application the preferred route description is different than the route on their diagram.
- It is unclear on Duke's near term or long term natural gas plans for the tri-state region, and therefore, the true intent of the proposed natural gas line is unknown.
- There are several questions to be answered since the need for the new natural gas line is ambiguous.
- The size and psi of the proposed natural gas line has significantly changed following the public review in June.
- The preferred pipeline route has changed since the June public meeting.
- The application references the route scoring process. This is the first I have heard of this scoring process. The scoring process needs to be understood, to include the evaluation process and weighting of each criterion.
- Since the proposed route is in a high consequence area, a 6-sigma risk evaluation needs to be conducted to ensure all current laws and regulations are adequate, and if not, implement additional steps to avoid a catastrophic natural gas event caused by the new natural gas pipeline. Duke has yet to respond to this 6-sigma risk evaluation request.
- There are indications in the application that Duke will use the current A1 natural gas pipeline at higher pressures to increase their natural gas flow through the central corridor. It is uncertain how this will occur. This leads me to believe they will use the proposed pipeline and current A1 pipeline as transmission lines of natural gas well beyond Hamilton County.
- The residential land use in the application gives an incorrect perception of limited personal exposure if a natural gas explosion would occur with the new pipeline. Well beyond the residence, there are thousands of people who work along the pipeline route and thousands more visiting retail establishments along the pipeline route (even beyond the schools, churches, and hospital directly affected).

I strongly oppose Duke's waiver request and encourage the OPSB to deny this waiver. This will help ensure full understanding regarding Duke's pipeline proposal, which in turn will lead to an informed decision on the pipeline request.

Thank you for your consideration.

  
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