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Re: OPSB case number 16-0253-GA-BTX

Date: September 9, 2016

While I fully understand the need for suppliers of commodities to be able to serve their customers' needs, I am writing in opposition to the installation of the proposed Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension through Blue Ash. My understanding is that there are three possible routes that are being considered. I imagine that many home and business owners may be concerned about declining property values due to the threat of a known safety hazard. As the President of Ursuline Academy, located in Blue Ash, my primary concern is the safety of our 665 students and the 93 individuals who are employed at Ursuline Academy. Ursuline Academy was founded in 1896 and is ranked as one of the top five academic high schools in the state of Ohio. Our families entrust their daughters to our care, expecting Ursuline to provide the highest quality education in a faith-based, value-centered and safe environment.

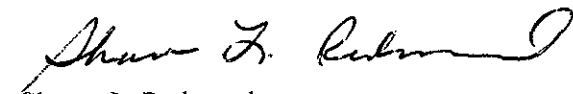
In addition to Ursuline Academy, other high value assets along the proposed route through our community include the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash Campus, E.H. Green Middle School, and Blue Ash Elementary School. One would hope that those who are proposing the routes would take into consideration the density of the population and would avoid areas that contain schools, places of worship and a hospital. It is my belief that those elected to serve and protect the citizens of the communities involved will vehemently oppose this project.

This transmission line also poses danger to the tenants and customers of Pfeiffer Commons, which is owned by UA Real Estate LLC, as well as, motorists along the proposed routes in our immediate vicinity. The traffic count on Pfeiffer Road is over 30,000 vehicles per day. It would also run adjacent to Southbound I-71 at Pfeiffer, where the traffic count is over 75,000 vehicles per day.

While we might hope that the transmission line would be guaranteed safe forever, we know that is not the case. Gas lines rupture every year, some with catastrophic results. Unfortunately, some of those lines are ones that are not aged.

For the substantial risk this pipeline poses to our school and community, I urge you to deny Duke Energy's application for construction.

Respectfully,


Sharon L. Redmond
President

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