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OPS Board;
This note is to voice my very strong opposition to the Duke pipeline extension route proposed through the high density population areas of northeast Cincinnati, including my town of Madeira. Duke is presenting this as an access-distribution/upgrade issue. While that may have some validity, in all likelihood it is more likely a profit and transmission/distribution opportunity. Duke claims that only 20% of this pipeline capacity will ever be used, offering a high safety factor. Anyone with any common sense knows that in the near or mid-term future, those parameters will change. No business entity builds something with a 5x capacity, and only ever uses 1x. The safety factor will surely decrease, and by then it will be too late. I oppose the routes suggested. If the pipeline must be approved, then the route should be in very low density population areas (how about going through Indian Hill and the center of the Kenwood Country Club?) for maximum safety now, and in the future. This is clearly a cost vs. safety issue, and Duke's proposition clearly reflects a choice of cost savings over safety. The proposed preferred route also clearly reflects a bias against those who do not have the resources to influence Duke's route choices. Hopefully this note will help mitigate that bias.

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