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Dear Members of PUCO: I have previously written regarding my concern for the proposed "Central Corridor" pipeline (please see communication from 10/19/2016). However, the recent Duke Energy Informational session has raised a new, significant concern regarding this pipeline. Duke is now, as least to the public, classifying the pipeline as a distribution line, rather than a transmission line. The presenter at the information session repeatedly told the audience that distribution lines are significantly different than a transmission line. They stated that this was a"lower stress" pipe. Further, they stated that the contractors for a distribution line "do not have the same skills" as workers that install a transmission line. As the initial application was for a transmission line, Duke should better explain why this pipeline is now classified as a distribution line. Indeed, as this classification seems significantly changed from the initial application, I would wonder if this process should not be restarted? Further, as they have stated that this is running below capacity, what safeguards are in place to prevent Duke from adding greater pressure to the pipeline? The informational meeting that was conducted in January 2017 seems to raise more questions than it answered. I truly wonder if the answers that were being given to the public are even accurate. I suspect that Duke is using the term distribution line to attempt to normalize this pipeline concept. I would urge members of PUCO to watch the two presentations conducted by Duke that are available on Youtube (both are available through the Nopecincy.org website or Facebook page). Thank you for your attention. I urge you NOT to approve this pipeline. Sincerely, Eric Mullins, M.D.

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