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Re: Reference Case 16-0253-GA-BTX

Dear Board Member:

I am writing this letter to urge that you DENY the request of Duke Energy to construct a pipeline extension through Greater Cincinnati! Neither the preferred nor the alternate route which they have chosen should be approved!

When I was a teenager in NE Ohio, my Aunt and Uncle's house was destroyed by a natural gas explosion which resulted in their deaths! The street in front of their home was under repair. A backhoe struck and pulled loose the gas pipe to their home, resulting in gas leaking into their house. When they arrived home from work and entered the house it exploded! Upon litigation it was determined that the line had been installed at an insufficient depth, so the East Ohio Gas Co. was found liable for their deaths. My parents and family suffered a great deal from our loss!

I am a widow now, living on a small fixed income. My ONLY asset is my home. It is located on the alternate route chosen by Duke. If that route is approved, my front lawn and those of my neighbors will be destroyed and the value of our homes greatly reduced! Even now, due to the publicity this proposed project has received, we would incur a loss if we tried to sell! Also, an elementary school is located behind my home within the blast zone. Children would be vulnerable to an explosion!

During their recent openhouse, Duke assured attendees that NO explosions could occur in this extension pipe, due to precautions they would take during construction and close monitoring afterward. Can they prevent human error or carelessness? How arrogant a claim to make!

PLEASE deny Duke's pipeline extension construction plans through Hamilton County! The welfare and perhaps even many lives could depend upon your decision!

Sincerely,

Janice L. Kennedy

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