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RE: OPSB case reference # 16-0253-GA-BTX.

I live in the neighborhood of Ridgewood, near Pleasant Ridge. Although Duke no longer plans to build a new pipeline along Ridge Road, one of its proposed lines runs nearby in Golf Manor. Also, Duke's current Ridge Road "backbone" pipeline is due for upgrades very close to my home.

Running a massive natural gas line through a busy neighborhood is dangerous, and disregards best practice in other cities where utility companies route new pipelines through lightly populated areas.

Duke has not justified the need for the new pipeline. Why is so much more natural gas needed when current demand is flat, and when renewable sources of energy like solar are growing in demand and declining in cost? Duke has not announced its master plan to show us where the gas is coming from or going to beyond Cincinnati, since the new pipeline obviously will transport far more gas than the region needs. Duke has not demonstrated how removal of trees and vegetation will or will not impact our climate, and also will or will not cost citizens in lost property values.

We need natural gas but we need it transmitted safely. Duke's proposal does not make sense economically or safety-wise.

Sincerely,  
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