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Ohio Power Siting Board
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Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Support for Case No. 16-253-GA-BTX

I am writing to express support for Duke Energy Ohio's proposed Central Corridor Pipeline.

As Mayor of the Village of Mariemont, I realize the importance of reliable gas delivery to our residents and businesses.

It is my understanding that Duke Energy Ohio is proposing this pipeline in order to improve the reliability of natural gas delivery throughout the region, as would then be able to deliver gas into Hamilton County with an improved balance of supply sources.

I understand that another goal of the pipeline is to allow Duke Energy Ohio to replace old infrastructure and modernize the overall distribution system, including the future retirement of propane peaking stations. Safety is of vital importance, especially when talking about natural gas. I am strongly in favor of moving from decades-old pipes and peaking facilities to new pipes – ones that are built with modern technology and that can be inspected periodically from the inside, by remotely operated devices. I understand that the new pipeline will be far safer than the old facilities currently serving our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. I recommend you approve the project being proposed by Duke Energy Ohio.

Sincerely,

Dan Policastro

Dan Policastro
Mayor

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