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Ohio Power Siting Board
180 E Broad St,
Columbus, OH 43215

May 30, 2017

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RE: 16-0253 GA-BTX Duke Energy Pipeline Extension

To the Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board:

On July 12, 2016, I wrote to you on behalf of Standard Textile and our President Gary Heiman regarding our company's strong opposition to the proposed Duke Energy "Green Route" for a new 30" natural gas pipeline.

It is my understanding that the "Green Route" remains under consideration as a possible pipeline route. Please confirm whether my understanding is correct and advise when the final decision will be made.

Locating the pipeline along the "Green Route" would have a negative effect on current Reading employers such as Standard Textile as well as on potential future Reading employers and would thereby undermine the future economic development for the city. As proposed, the pipeline would be built just east of the existing 50-acre Reading Life Sciences Campus which adjoins Standard Textile's world headquarters and is comprised of three major biotechnology firms employing over 1,000 jobs. It would also traverse the 14-acre Reading Life Sciences Expansion Site which is currently being considered for a major biotechnology project that will create significant investment and jobs for the City of Reading and the State of Ohio.

Locating a 30" natural gas pipeline adjacent to this biotechnology hub could significantly jeopardize the safety and integrity of the Life Sciences Campus and have an adverse impact on our operations in the event of a safety incident.

To protect the safety of life, health and property for our operation as well as other nearby businesses and residents, we reiterate our strong desire that the Ohio Power Siting Board eliminate the "Green Route" as a location for the 16-0253 GA-BTX Duke Energy Pipeline Extension.

Sincerely,

Standard Textile Co., Inc.

Edward M. Frankel

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Sr. Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer

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May 22, 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: 16-253-GA-BTX


Ohio Power Siting Board
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For the past five years, I have been the Director of Emergency Services for Warren County Ohio, responsible for Emergency Management as well as Emergency Communications (911 dispatch). One of my top priorities when taking this position was to develop a partnership with all of the oil and gas companies that have pipelines or facilities in Warren County. From the start, Duke Energy has set the standard in communication, training, leadership, response, and collaboration. On several occasions since I have been the Director, Duke Energy has been the standard-bearer for on-scene assessment and testing and has offered up services and equipment to aid first responders (even when the event was not caused by Duke's apparatus or product).

Outside of emergency response Duke Energy has also been a steadfast partner in trainings and community outreach. Duke Energy has become a key sponsor and contributor to not only local training opportunities but also to the Regional Safety Summit that reaches 4 counties in Southwest Ohio.

Duke Energy is a great, safety-focused partner in our community. Duke's organization, collaboration, and subject matter expertise is invaluable in Warren County. I am proud to call Duke a partner and colleague.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions at (513) 695-1315.


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Director of Emergency Services
Warren County, Ohio