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Subject:

June 16,2017

Dear Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

My husband John and I attended the public hearing to discuss the application by Duke Energy for the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project, Case # 16-0253-GA-BTX, which was held at the Blue Ash campus of the University of Cincinnati yesterday. Although I signed up to speak, after more than an hour's wait, we had to leave due to another obligation. I want to share my concerns with you in this email.

My husband and I reside in Evendale, one block south of Glendale Milford Road. We are separated from that road by mostly woods. We have been active in the process for almost a year, attending meetings, talking with neighbors, doing research and sending petitions and correspondence to you and elected officials. We are very opposed to the pipeline for a variety of reasons. We are increasingly concerned that our concerns are not being heard, much less heeded. NOT ONE BOARD MEMBER was in attendance at that public hearing. Is it any wonder people believe you just 'rubber stamp' Duke's application?

NEED: This pipeline does not benefit our region. It is designed as part of a transmission system connecting with Kentucky. There is NO need for this here. Duke has been disingenuous with you and the public. This is a business decision for them, not a concern about our needs. I am not opposed to the construction of a national pipeline. But it is not necessary to build such a system through such a densely populated area. Duke can connect with Kentucky another way.

LAND USE: According to the graph on Land Use Duke distributed at the January Open House, the alternate, or green route which ends in Norwood, impacts MORE industry and commercial property,, MORE wood lots, wetlands and streams, MORE educational institutions and places of worship, and TWICE as many residences. THIS is the route the Board is now promoting!!!!

ECOLOGY: My husband and I have driven all three routes. This is something I urge you to do instead of relying on computer generated images and staff reports, so you can get a true sense of the landscape involved. Countless mature trees, landscaping, habitats for wildlife and small animals will be destroyed. And because of easement on either side of a pipeline and the need to keep it clear, these changes will result in permanent scarring of our neighborhoods. Most important is the HUMAN ecology. Safety for the people of Ohio, in whose service you perform, MUST be your #1 priority. Safety is not even mentioned as a criteria in your own literature!

We want you to reject this project!! We don't want it; we don't need it; and we don't want to pay \$100 million dollars for something that will not benefit the people of Hamilton County in the least.

I hope the Siting Board members are people we can trust to take our concerns to heart and heed all the concerns of the many communities in SW Ohio who will be so adversely impacted by this unnecessary project.

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COMMENT DESCRIPTION:

Dear Ohio Public Utilities Commissioners, I'm writing in reference to Case No. 17-1298-GA-CSS as a stakeholder of the German Village Historic District in Columbus. We do not want natural gas meters removed from basements and placed outside of our properties in German Village. It is a blight to our preserved district, and undermines more than five decades of consistent, focused effort to revitalize the historic elements of this community. Over the years, I

have invested several hundred thousand dollars in my home and properties. Each and every time I revised the exterior of my home, I was required to have my plans approved by the German Village Commission. Columbia Gas should be willing or be required to work within the same rules in this fragile, special historic district as other stakeholders do in order to preserve its historic character. Additionally, I am aware that there is a gap in safety data answering one simple question: Are meters safer on the inside or the outside of homes in dense, urban neighborhoods such as German Village? I demand to know the answer through an independent study of the available Federal incident data from 2010 to 2017, compiled by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration. It has been confirmed by five different sources, including the PUCO, Columbia Gas of Ohio and the Pipeline Safety Trust, that no such study has ever been undertaken. The data indicates significant safety risk with outside meters. I want Columbia to be a cooperative partner in the maintenance and the caretaking this special place, which is a tourist destination for many and thus economically beneficial to Columbus and Franklin County. The meters should remain indoors, or, if outdoors, should be located below ground level so they are completely invisible on the exterior. The proposed disfigurement of hundreds of primary facades in one of the pre-eminent historic districts in the country is an insult to individual property owners and our personal investment, often one made with the knowledge that the cost to maintain the visual integrity of each exterior in the Village would be protected through review. It is an insult to all of us who have battled so very hard time and again to fend off anything that poses an adverse effect to the essence of the legacy we are charged with protecting. It is an insult to those who came before us and painstakingly and with great sacrifice wove the American cultural fabric - and it is ultimately an insult of deepest proportion to those set to experience this place in the future. With all due respect, please stop any above ground outside relocation of natural gas meters in German Village to protect its citizens and its historic, visual integrity. Regards, Thomas Crunkilton

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Ohio Power Sitting Board:

Attn: Administrative Law Judge

I attended the meeting on June 16th, and had hoped to give testimony against the Duke pipeline. Unfortunately I had to leave prior to speaking so I am sending this email to OPSB to strongly object the project proposed for Blue Ash Road. I agree with those voicing their concerns about the safety issue which is huge and could cause harm to innocent people, including my employees.

In addition to this, I own a company that is located at 8855 Blue Ash road. (corner of Blue Ash Road and Emerald). I have been led to believe that the pipeline will be built directly in front of my building. The distance between my building and the edge of my blacktop is approximately 100ft. We have between seven and ten trucks per day (mostly semi's) making deliveries and picking up product from us for customer delivery, all over the United States. In order for the trucks to utilize our loading docks they must pull up to the edge of our parking area and then back up to our dock. If built the pipeline would preclude the trucks for being able to back into the loading dock. Basically the pipeline would put my company out of business, as many of our customer are on a just-in-time order cycle. We receive the orders daily and must make the delivery within 24 hours or expect to be penalized. We could not stand to be shut down for one day, much less the proposed three weeks which they are telling us.

Automotive International, Inc. has been established since 1971. The Duke project would definitely put us out of business. I would hate to have to take legal issue with this, so I do sincerely hope that the Ohio Power Sitting Board will do the right thing and stop this project from being built on Blue Ash Road.

Best Regards,

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