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## OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

Duke Energy Ohio Inc.  
Case No. 16-253-GA-BTX

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I attended the local public hearing held in Blue Ash, Ohio, on June 15, 2017, regarding Duke Energy Ohio's (Duke) certificate application to construct the Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project. While I did not offer testimony at the local public hearing and will not be a witness at the evidentiary hearing, I agree with the testimony given by those persons who have testified today in opposition to Duke's application.

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<p>Please do not allow Duke Energy to hoodwink the state of Ohio regarding its eventual plan to establish <u>interstate</u> gas transmission line at the expense of the citizens of Ohio. Even if interstate line wasn't the goal, the price to be paid by local citizens in the name of efficacy for Duke is unfair. We should be working on renewable energy. We should have <u>vision</u> for the future, for our environment, and for our children and children's children. Pipeline disasters can happen years later. Thank you.</p>		

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IT'S RECOMMENDED EVACUATION (BLAST) ZONE of 912 FEET (APPROX)  
MATCHES THE LENGTH of 3 FOOTBALL FIELDS) ON EITHER SIDE of  
THE PIPE LINE - AS WELL AS DUKE'S THREAT of "EMINENT DOMAIN"  
ALL TO OCCUR IN A HIGHLY POPULATED RESIDENTIAL AREA.

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RE: Case 16-253-GA-BTX

Dear Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board

It is to my understanding that as long as Duke's pipeline remains and "Intrastate" matter that they are not restricted by the Federal regulations of an "Interstate" situation. Yet when the pipeline is eventually connected to the Kentucky pipeline all the damage to Cincinnati will have been completed. Is it true that under the Federal Regulations that the pipeline is not permitted to go by schools and churches? If this being the case ... **Are Evendale's children, who attend *Evendale Elementary* not deserving or even of adequate enough value to be kept in safety?** For as you know the pipeline's path goes the entire length of the school property.

I am writing to call your attention to the serious concerns about the announced high-pressure pipeline routes that was listed in The Cincinnati Enquirer on September 14, 2016. The current proposal calls for a 20-inch, 400 PSI pipeline with a recommended evacuation (blast) zone of 912 feet (Approximately the length of 3 football fields) on either side of the pipeline... this is according to the Pipeline Association for Public Awareness. And all of this will lie within in a highly populated and well-traveled residential area.

This statement concerns the property located at the corner of GLENDALE-MILFORD Road and WOODLEIGH LANE. The house address is *4000 Glendale-Milford Road*. As previously stated in an earlier letter the property owner is a 91 year old widow, Mrs. Eileen Strickland. I am her son Steve. I have my Mother's *Power of Attorney*. 4 years ago Mother had a catastrophic illness. She was bed-ridden for a year and had to learn to walk again. She has lived in her home for 30 years. I live with my Mother so I can help her maintain her home and property do the driving, grocery shopping and so forth.

With the recent release of the Duke Pipeline routes and its reduction of pipe size, from a 30-inch to a 20 inch with 400 PSI natural gas instead of the 600 PSI, the serious health and safety risks this implies is still unacceptable for densely populated suburban neighborhoods. Per the article ***"Is your home on Duke Energy's chosen pipeline routes?"*** By Carrie Blackmore Smith; she quotes *Jim Henning*, President Energy Ohio and Kentucky...***"Duke Officials hope to gain approval and begin construction next summer, completing the project in the fall of 2018. Those owning property along the preferred and alternative lines can expect Duke to soon come knocking to begin discussing easements."***

**"Our preferred option is work with the community and residents to try to obtain the right of ways in a manner that would not lead us to eminent domain," Henning said. "That is a final option, but it is afforded to the utility company."**

Is this the standard operating procedure for the rightful owners to be threatened in compliance? What Duke is proposing to do is the creation of a potentially dangerous and life treating addition to our neighborhoods. The thought of what could happen if the the natural gas at 400 PSI would erupt, in these neighborhoods. is beyond description. Is this the concern Duke Energy has for its customers?

Comply or else we will steal your land and endanger you and your property regardless of the danger to you or your property?

*Another quote from the article...*

***"I sincerely commend Duke for showing that they are listening, but they need to listen a little harder," Cincinnati City Councilman P.G. Sittenfeld said. "A potential high-risk project like this, even when reduced in scale, still shouldn't be running alongside our homes, schools, churches and hospitals. ... Our advocacy to protect our families and neighborhoods will continue."***

Duke's preferred route falls within 1000 feet of over 3700 residences and runs past dozens of other sensitive land uses, including schools, hospitals, churches, cemeteries and parks.

*As stated in an earlier letter,*

Late this past February, I was doing yard work in her front yard when DUKE employees were surveying GLENDALE-MILFORD. When it came time to access my Mother's property the DUKE employee (standing on the side walk in front of 4000 GLENDALE-MILFORD Road and holding some form of surveyor's staff) started to communicate loudly (to be heard over the traffic) to the other employee in the truck. He was so loud that I could hear every word spoken. As soon as the man on the ground was situated in front of 4000 GLENDALE-MILFORD Road, he yelled to the other person in the truck... **"This isn't going to work. It's a hill"** There was no response from the man in the truck. The ground employee repeated himself... **"It isn't going to work. It's a hill"**. Finally the man in the truck responded... **"We have to survey it anyway"**.

**The front yard consists of a steep narrow slope that runs the length of the property. It varies in height from approximately 5 feet to 30 – 40 feet. It is more of a sharp incline than a hill. It is so steep that it is useless to plant ground cover. Bushes and trees are planted to use their roots to prevent erosion. You cannot walk on this. You literally have to use your hands and knees in some places to try to ascend this thing.**

The property is a shot-gun lot and the house is situated off center of the quarter acre. The land's slope is uneven and eventually levels out literally at the area in front of the front door. There is an uneven slope to the yard that worsens as it nears the end of the property going toward Plainfield Road.

I was informed at the meeting of March 22, 2016 that you need approximately 50 feet from a house or structure. At this point you would be approximately at the arch of the slope grade. The only flat area of the property is literally just feet from the house; and the thought of a 20 inch pipe with thousands of cubic feet of natural gas at 400 PSI flowing under great pressure literally in front of her 1941 Wooden SaltBox Cape Cod is horrifying.

My concern, for my Mother, her safety and property is paramount. But please note that along with this being a heavily populated neighborhood, a grade school, *Evendale Elementary School* in the pipeline' direct path. **The address is located on Alternate route GREEN 3.**

Sincerely,  
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