

Public comment 16-0253-GA-BTX

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From: Ethan Boger [<mailto:eb4452@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 10:00 PM

To: Puco ContactOPSB <[contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov](mailto:contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov)>

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Sirs,

Today's gas pipeline explosion in Massachusetts, which killed one, injured 10 others and burned down scores of homes, is just one more example of the dangers posed by gas pipelines. The purported cause of the incident is "overpressure", i.e., the cause was a systemic failure to control pressure. Were the citizens of Lawrence, then, always but a step away from disaster? And if so, would our communities also be one step away from a disaster of possibly even greater magnitude if a 500-psi pipeline were to be installed literally within feet of homes, parks, schools and churches?

This incident, which is far from unique, proves once again that the only safe pipeline is one set back the appropriate distance from humans. The current plan laid out by Duke does not propose this. You, Sirs, stand between Duke's plans and the safety of our communities. It will be on your heads if this pipeline is approved and if, some time in the future, a horrible disaster like the one in Lawrence occurs here.

History will tell if you did the right thing. Prove to us that you are indeed an independent agency whose purpose is to conduct public policy with the intent to place safety above all else. While the proposed pipeline may or may not be an economic necessity, it should NOT be implemented in a way that places some citizens at risk of life and limb for the economic benefit of others.

Ethan Boger

Blue Ash

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From: Alvin [<mailto:alvingden@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 4:54 PM

To: Puco ContactOPSB <[contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov](mailto:contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov)>

Subject: 16-0253-GA-BTX Duke central corridor pipeline

Members of the OPSB:

I am writing to you again, to urge you to deny this potentially disastrous pipeline. The 2 choices are either to be installed on Blue Ash Rd, crossing the Kenwood mall area, by Jewish Mercy Hosp. The route you choose goes by the Summit Park area where large groups congregate, and continues to Reading Rd. in a residential area.

Both routes put large groups of residents in harms way, and the gas is not needed.

Please read the latest news on the GAS EXPLOSIONS NORTH OF BOSTON. THIS COULD HAPPEN TO US. MAYBE NOT DUE TO THE SAME REASON, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN MULTIPLE FAULTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY FOR MANY REASONS.

Thank you and please make a "human" concerned decision.

Alvin Denenberg; Blue Ash.

"In Nature, Nothing Exists Alone"

Aloha 🌺 🌻

Alvin

**From:** Plank, Karla [<mailto:kplank@BlueAsh.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 14, 2018 1:53 PM  
**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <[contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov](mailto:contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov)>  
**Subject:** Blue Ash Resolution Expressing Concern

Dear OPSB:

Attached please accept the Blue Ash City Council Resolution expressing concern regarding Case No. 16-0253-GA-BTX for your records. If it needs to be attributed to an individual, please credit Blue Ash Mayor Tom Adamec.

Thank you.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2018-47

EXPRESSING CONCERN FOR THE STATE OF OHIO TO  
STRENGTHEN REQUIREMENTS FOR SITING NATURAL  
GAS PIPELINES TO INCLUDE PUBLIC SAFETY CRITERIA  
AND ENCOURAGING THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO  
ENACT LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, Ohio has a growing economic interest in the natural gas business, and high pressure natural gas pipelines are being installed around Ohio and the region to transmit this gas; and

WHEREAS, high pressure natural gas pipelines, if ruptured or damaged, may pose significant risk to public safety and the environment due to the high operating pressure and the highly flammable, explosive, and toxic properties of the products transported; and

WHEREAS, the National Transportation Safety Board has recognized that third-party damage and pipeline right-of-way encroachment are the biggest threats to pipeline safety; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Blue Ash is on record with its opposition the construction of the high-pressure Duke Energy Central Corridor Pipeline Extension project, a high-pressure natural gas pipeline in the Blue Ash/Cincinnati area, due to its close proximity to homes, recreational facilities, schools and daycares, nursing homes, hospitals, churches, and other such high-density development; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Blue Ash desires to advocate for policies and regulations intended to reduce the likelihood of accidental damage to pipelines and to help reduce adverse impacts in the event of pipeline failure; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Blue Ash believes that the regulation of the proximity of high-pressure pipelines carrying potentially flammable liquids is desirable to preserve public safety and the environment and wishes to specifically advocate for minimum lot line distance requirements and other reasonable distance requirements based on zoning and building uses; and

WHEREAS, in reviewing applications for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to allow for siting of a new gas pipeline, the Ohio Power Siting Board relies on State law that utilizes several criteria, none of which is public safety.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio,

SECTION I.

The Council of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio recommends to the State of Ohio that legislation be passed consistent with laws in other states and local jurisdictions in states without home-rule limitations to require setbacks and other zoning and siting requirements as well as to pass legislation that adds public safety to the siting criteria for the Ohio Power Siting Board.

SECTION II.

This Resolution shall be in full force and in effect immediately upon its adoption as provided in Section 17.07 of Article XVII of the Charter of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio.

PASSED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.



Thomas C. Adamec, Mayor



Jamie K. Eifert, Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Bryan E. Pacheco, Solicitor

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