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Subject: public comment 16-0253-GA-BTX

Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:05:18 AM

From: Mary Vaz <<u>mvaz@cinci.rr.com</u>>
Date: March 14, 2019 at 8:41:11 PM EDT
To: <Beth.Trombold@puco.ohio.gov>

Subject: Duke Energy Central Corridor Pipeline Project - Case No. 16-0253-GA-BTX

## Dear Ms. Trombold:

I oppose Duke Energy's current proposal for the natural gas transmission line (Case No. 16-0253-GA-BTX). One of the proposed routes for this pipeline would run through Blue Ash, Ohio, very near my home. It would destroy trees that add tremendously to the value of my property and generally would decrease my home's value. Duke Energy has not shown the need for this high-pressure, high-capacity pipeline, given Cincinnati's decreasing population. Even if they could demonstrate that such a pipeline was necessary, they should not run it through a densely populated urban area, close to homes, day care centers, places of worship, schools, hospitals, and businesses, and expose so many to the risk of leaks or explosion.

Duke Energy's proposal (Case No. 16-0253-GA-BTX) should <u>not</u> be approved. Sincerely, Mary Vaz

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 Date:
 Monday, March 18, 2019 10:06:09 AM

From: Bess Sturgill < bess\_feldman@yahoo.com > Date: March 15, 2019 at 12:49:30 PM EDT

To: Beth.Trombold@PUCO.ohio.gov

Subject: Case 16-0253-gA-btx

## Ms Trombold,

Congratulations on your new position on the Ohio power siting board. I am sure there is a lot that you have to learn and figure out with this new position. Very soon the board will be deciding about Duke energy s proposed central corridor pipeline. I was recently told by Denise Driehaus that the members of the board she spoke with were unaware of the opposition to this proposed project. I along with many many other residents of Hamilton county are very opposed. I want to write to you about my family, my children, the people in my community whom this pipeline puts in jeopardy. How their lives are important. How you would not want this to go through your neighborhood endangering everything you hold dear. But I have been educated that those are not criteria that are taken into account when deciding weather this pipeline should cause such havoic in our lives. So instead I will talk about the water main that has been repeatedly fixed in front of my home. The water lines in Reading are old, they frequently fail. These failures could cause the ground around the pipeline to become compromised. I will mention that Hamilton county is ranked #5 in the country for landslides. This makes the risk of a ruptured pipeline higher. I will mention co-occuring risks. Such as the many gas stations, or the contaminated ground. I will mention that Duke's report on the ecology was based on winter weather. I think we can both agree there are many more consideration in the summer.

It is so hard for me to understand how the criteria that this decision is made take no people into account. I always believed that the government s job was to protect the people. This is not protecting the people. This doesn't even consider us. . Please consider my community, my children, my children's friends.

Thank you, Bess Sturgill

To: <u>Puco Docketing</u>

**Subject:** public comment # 16-253-GA-BTX [ ref:\_00Dt0GzXt.\_500t0FnLh7:ref ]

**Date:** Monday, March 18, 2019 11:05:02 AM

I humbly request that the Duke Energy 500 PSI Central Corridor Pipeline Project be denied. Please consider the issue of human safety.

Susan Zipkin 6721 Glen Acre Dr., 45237



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To: <u>Puco Docketing</u>

**Subject:** public comment #16-0253-GA-BTX [ ref:\_00Dt0GzXt.\_500t0Fn8wH:ref ]

**Date:** Monday, March 18, 2019 10:53:54 AM

# Dear Chair Trombold,

Congratulations on your chairmanship of PUCO, and your appointment to the OPSB. Although you are newly appointed, I hope you know of the wide-spread opposition to Duke's proposed Central Corridor Pipeline, a new high pressure pipeline proposed to be built through high population areas of Hamilton County.

(OPSB Case #16-0253-GA-BTX).

If you review the public records of this case, you will find thousands of voices in opposition to the project. The need for the project and the siting of the routes are credibly challenged; and the disregard for public safety is exposed.

You will soon be voting on this project. The OPSB Staff has rubber stamped Duke's request and has not conducted a thorough, objective assessment which is owed to the public. Since you are ultimately responsible for the public interest in these decisions, I urge the Board to conduct a thorough assessment with an emphasis on whether Duke has adequately demonstrated need for a new pipeline and whether their proposed 20"/500 psi pipeline is the most responsible, financially prudent and effective solution to address Duke's stated need.

Further, perhaps since most pipelines of this size (93%) are sited in rural areas, the State of Ohio has no requirements to consider human safety in siting decisions. That does not mean it cannot be considered. Therefore, I ask that the Board focus on human safety when considering Duke's application and case. You owe it to the public to evaluate any and all alternatives for meeting Duke's stated needs with public safety as a primary consideration.

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Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Ann Chisko Cincinnati, Ohio



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Subject: public comment #16-0253-GA-BTX [ ref:\_00Dt0GzXt.\_500t0Fn8xK:ref ]

**Date:** Monday, March 18, 2019 10:55:36 AM

Dear Ms. Trombold:

PLEASE attend the public hearing next Thursday, March 21 on the matter of the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension, Case Number 16-0253-GA-BTX, in Blue Ash.

The last public hearing on the matter of the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension took place on June 15, 2017. **NOT ONE VOTING MEMBER from the Ohio Siting Board bothered to attend.** This dereliction of duty sent a rather clear message that OSB members at that time did not intend to give any real consideration to the public interest.

We are not talking about opposition from a few "not in my backyard" residents. There is overwhelming public outcry from the community as a whole. There is, in fact, strong opposition by the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, as well as the communities of Amberley, Blue Ash, Columbia Township, Deer Park, Evendale, Golf Manor, Madeira, Pleasant Ridge, Reading, and Sycamore Township!

As a newly appointed board member, you have a responsibility to go beyond "rubber-stamping" Duke's proposal. Please attend the hearing on March 21 so you can understand and appreciate the reasons for serious, widespread, and long-standing public opposition to the pipeline extension.

I personally listened to 7 hours of testimony on that day -- ranging from well-informed factual and technical analysis of need and alternatives to the pipeline to heart-wrenching testimony from people who will suffer in many ways from a large pipeline being placed VERY near to their homes, schools, churches, synagogues, and workplaces. I am confident that if you attend, you will gain an understanding of how horrendously offensive Duke's proposal is to the vast majority of residents of Hamilton County. PLEASE DO NOT ABANDON YOUR NEIGHBORS TO THE SOUTH!!!

With sincere and humble pleas for your help, Grace A. Severyn 9419 Bluewing Terrace, Blue Ash, Ohio.



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Subject: RE: Your Comment will be Filed in the Case Record [ ref:\_00Dt0GzXt.\_500t0FnMAa:ref ]

**Date:** Monday, March 18, 2019 11:12:49 AM

I am writing to you in opposition of the proposed Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project (Case No. 16-253-GA-BTX). I understand the project is designed to bring an increased volume of natural gas into Southwest Ohio. While I understand this goal, as well as the need to continuously improve the utility service infrastructure, I remain concerned that the proposed, preferred route by the Power Siting Board, will be located in our densely populated neighborhood. In Golf Manor, this project will be disruptive to properties impacted in both the short and long term. Our concern continues to be about the safety issues related to this natural gas pipeline as well as the proposed removal of trees and proposed barriers and future serviceability of land acquired in impacted areas. I would remind elected officials, the Ohio Power Siting Board, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and Duke Energy that lower median income, smaller urban communities such as Golf Manor, work diligently to contain expense for taxpayers while providing critical services. A project of this magnitude will not only disrupt the peace of the community during construction, but will leave Golf Manor with the responsibility, cost, and aftermath of managing any catastrophic event that may take place due to the failure of Duke Energy's pipeline. Safety is of critical importance. The potential harm in such a densely populated area is of alarm to all residents should there be a failure of the pipeline. We are also concerned about the lack of engagement with local first responders, in particular the Little Miami Joint Fire & Rescue District, our fire service provider, or any safety organization, regarding the support Duke Energy will require or impose upon this Village should this project be built. We anticipate that valuable economic resources will need to be diverted from other essential needs to additional training and equipment required to support any catastrophic failure of the pipeline, and we need to know how to fund this additional burden. Finally, as the Board, PUCO and Duke Energy decide what best routes will be taken, we encourage you to consider the financial impact this project will have on residential and business property values, property insurance rates and the quality of life in the Village for our residents. I strongly encourage the Ohio Power Siting Board, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and Duke Energy to reevaluate the Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project and find better alternatives that do not rip apart the fabric of our densely populated and settled community in the heart of Hamilton County.

Caron Yetter
Cincinnati, Ohio

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To: <u>Puco Docketing</u>

**Subject:** public comment 16-253-GA-BTX [ ref:\_00Dt0GzXt.\_500t0FnFkq:ref ]

**Date:** Monday, March 18, 2019 11:39:25 AM

## ARE YOU LISTENING?

Thousands of voices are being raised in opposition to this project. (Case #16-0253-GA-BTX) The need for the project and the siting of the routes has been credibly challenged; and the disregard for public safety has been exposed.

The OPSB Staff has rubber stamped Duke's request and has not conducted a thorough, objective assessment which is owed to the public. Since you are ultimately responsible for the public interest in these decisions, I urge the Board to conduct a thorough assessment with an emphasis on whether Duke has adequately demonstrated need for a new pipeline and whether their proposed 20"/500 psi pipeline is the most responsible, financially prudent and effective solution to address Duke's stated need.

Further, perhaps since most pipelines of this size (93%) are sited in rural areas, the State of Ohio has no requirements to consider human safety in siting decisions. This is shocking! That does not mean it cannot be considered. Therefore, I ask that the Board focus on human safety when considering Duke's application and case. You owe it to the public to evaluate any and all alternatives for meeting Duke's stated needs with public safety as a primary consideration.

Not one member of the OPSB attended the last Public Hearing. Citizens found this highly insensitive and insulting. There is a last Public Hearing on Thursday, March 21 held in Cincinnati at UC Blue Ash campus. I urge you and other members to attend so you can truly hear the concerns of the public you serve.

ARE YOU LISTENING?

Ann Chisko Cincinnati, Ohio



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**Subject:** public comment 16-0253-GA-BTX [ ref:\_00Dt0GzXt.\_500t0FnMYF:ref ]

**Date:** Monday, March 18, 2019 11:43:28 AM

My name is Denise Conroy and I am a resident of Evendale, Ohio. My home is located off Glendale Milford Road, which is a proposed Green pipeline route for Duke's Central Corridor Pipeline.

As a member of the Ohio Power Siting Board, you are in a position to assure that Duke's application (Ref# 16-0253-GA-BTX) is critically and carefully reviewed. I am requesting that the Ohio Power Siting Board reject BOTH Duke's proposed pipeline routes.

There has been a lack of discipline to the OPSB process, resulting in the lack of full disclosure to the public and the poor level of due diligence by Duke, the OPSB staff and the OPSB. The OPSB staff failed to conduct a thorough, independent investigation of assertions and information included in Duke's application. We cannot rely of the accuracy and completeness of Duke's application to investigate and evaluate the *proposed need* and routes. Duke has provided data that supports their efforts and interests. Please encourage the OPSB staff to seek additional data and information from sources outside of Duke's application.

Duke already has a right-of-way along Line A and will be incurring the expense of construction along Line A. Why not install parallel lines to reduce construction cost, reduce impact to the environment and communities. Decreased demand and decreased population in the area served by this proposed pipeline do not support the need for the proposed Central Corridor Pipeline

Throughout the Duke documents and the OPSB staff report there are numerous inconsistencies, errors and omissions regarding environmental impact. Duke has not addressed the risk to the Mill Creek watershed, the risk associated with the proposed line intersecting the Line A pipeline or the risk associated with close proximity to numerous gas station underground tanks.

There will be an permanent economic and environmental impact for property owners. Residents will loose mature trees and foliage during the construction of the pipeline, as Duke requires up to 80 feet of tree and foliage clearance to construct the pipeline. In addition, Duke will require 30 feet of *permanent clearance* once the pipeline is installed.

The citizens, taxpayers, Duke Customers and communities along these routes have NOT been convinced of the need, benefit, environmental and economic impact or the safety of these pipeline routes. Duke, the OPSB and the OPSB staff have not considered public safety in the evaluation of the proposed pipeline. We have walked these routes, and observed the number of homes, businesses, parks, churches, medical facilities and schools that would be impacted and put at risk due to the proposed pipeline. The OPSB Staff report clearly states that "The project would

result in both temporary and permanent impacts to the project area.". Yet the OPSB Staff reports seems to find it acceptable to choose what is in their minds the lesser of the two evils.

On June 15, 2017, the OPSB held a Public Hearing. No members of the OPSB were present at that public hearing. We hope to see members of the OPSB present at the next Public Hearing scheduled for March 21, 2019.

In summary, there are numerous areas of this project that require deeper due diligence and better understanding of the impact on our communities. We ask that the OPSB reject BOTH pipeline routes as submitted in the application documents.

Sincerely yours, Denise Conroy



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From: Butler, Matthew
To: Puco Docketing

Subject: FW: Inquiry Via "Contact Us" on ODH Website Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 1:18:25 PM

From: Phillips, Gene

**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2019 12:45 PM

To: Butler, Matthew <matthew.butler@puco.ohio.gov>; Ross, Sarah <Sarah.Ross@puco.ohio.gov>

Subject: FW: Inquiry Via "Contact Us" on ODH Website

Sarah,

It was good to talk with you a few moments ago. Here is the first of 3 comments received regarding the Duke Energy pipeline project in southwest Ohio. Please let us know how you would like these handled currently, and moving forward. Matt is included as requested.

Thanks,

W. Gene Phillips, Chief, Bureau of Environmental Health & Radiation Protection Ohio Department of Health

From: noreply@das.ohio.gov <noreply@das.ohio.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2019 1:06 PM **To:** contact <<u>contact@odh.ohio.gov</u>>

**Subject:** Contact Form Filled

The person the following **Ann Chisko** with email <u>ann.chisko@uc.edu</u>

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From: Butler, Matthew
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**Subject:** FW: Reference OPSB case number 16-0253-GA-BTX

**Date:** Monday, March 18, 2019 1:18:21 PM

From: Phillips, Gene

**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2019 12:46 PM

To: Ross, Sarah <Sarah.Ross@puco.ohio.gov>; Butler, Matthew <matthew.butler@puco.ohio.gov>

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Here is the second...

From: Susan de Roos < <a href="mailto:scderoos@gmail.com">scderoos@gmail.com</a>>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 8:24 PM

**To:** Himes, Lance < <u>Lance.Himes@odh.ohio.gov</u>>

Subject: Reference OPSB case number 16-0253-GA-BTX

Susan C. de Roos 3738 Monet's Lane Evendale, Ohio 45241 T 513-505-8901

Email: <a href="mailto:scderoos@gmail.com">scderoos@gmail.com</a>

March 14, 2019

Lance Himes

Interim Director, Ohio Department of Health

Lance.Himes@odh.ohio.gov

Reference OPSB case number 16-0253-GA-BTX

Dear Mr. Himes,

My name is Susan de Roos and I am a resident of Evendale, Ohio. My home is located on 3738 Monet's Lane within 1000 feet of the proposed Green pipeline route for Duke's Central Corridor Pipeline.

Congratulations on your recent appointment as Interim Director of the Ohio Department of Health and member of the Ohio Power Siting Board. As a member of the Ohio Power Siting Board, <u>you are in a position</u> to assure that Duke's application (Ref# 16-0253-GA\_BTX) is critically and carefully reviewed.

I will highlight some of the key points regarding Duke's application and why I request the Ohio Power Siting Board to reject BOTH Duke's proposed routes.

My first point is regarding the seemingly lack of discipline to the OPSB process. The lack of full disclosure to the public and the poor level of due diligence by Duke, the OPSB staff and the OPSB. I have spent significant amount of time reviewing Duke's pipeline application and in documents sent to both the OPSB and to Duke have pointed out numerous errors and omissions in the application. The OPSB staff has not conducted a thorough, independent investigation of assertions and information included in Duke's application. We cannot rely of the accuracy and completeness of Duke's application to investigate and evaluate the proposed need and routes. Duke quite naturally is putting worth only data that supports their efforts and interests. Please encourage the OPSB staff to seek additional data and information from sources outside of Duke's application.

On June 15, 2017, the OPSB held a Public Hearing. I testified at that hearing as did numerous others. Unfortunately there

was <u>not even one member of the OPSB</u> at that public hearing. Did you or any of your members watch the hours worth of testimony objecting to Duke's Central Corridor Pipeline? If you have not watched the testimony, I encourage you to do so and also to attend the next Public Hearing scheduled for March 21, 2019. It is critical that we all use data and inputs from all sources!

My second point addresses the need for a new route and right of way. Duke has clearly stated the need and plan to replace/upgrade Line A in the near future. Since they already have a right-of-way along Line A and will be incurring the expense of construction along Line A, why not install parallel lines to reduce construction cost, reduce impact to the environment and communities. Decreased demand and decreased population in the area served by this proposed pipeline do not support the need for the proposed Central Corridor Pipeline.

My third point addresses the <u>probable environmental impact</u>. Throughout the Duke documents and the OPSB staff report there are numerous inconsistencies, errors and omissions regarding environmental impact. Duke has not addressed the risk to the Mill Creek watershed, the risk associated with the proposed line intersecting the Line A pipeline or the risk associated with close proximity to numerous gas station underground tanks.

My fourth point is regarding the overall community impact of the proposed pipeline routes. The citizens, taxpayers, Duke Customers and communities along these routes have NOT been convinced of the need, benefit, environmental impact or the safety of these pipeline routes. We believe Duke's 30 foot wide permanent right-of-ways and construction workspace of up to 80 feet wide will have significant environmental impact. Duke, the OPSB and the OPSB staff have not considered public safety in the evaluation of the proposed pipeline. We have walked these routes, and observed the number of homes, businesses, parks, churches, medical facilities and schools that would be impacted and put at risk due to the proposed pipeling. The OPSB Staff report clearly states that "The project would result in both temporary and permanent impacts to the project area.". Yet the OPSB Staff reports seems to find it acceptable to choose what is in their minds the lesser of the two evils.

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Susan C. de Roos

Subject: public comment case number 16-0253-GA-BTX [ ref:\_00Dt0GzXt.\_500t0FnSqm:ref ]

**Date:** Monday, March 18, 2019 1:23:45 PM

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March 18, 2019

Ohio Power Siting Board

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#### Reference case number 16-0253-GA-BTX

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Subject: FW: Duke Pipeline hearing - Thu Mar 21
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 2:19:59 PM

**From:** Brian Kaeppner < brian.kaeppner@gmail.com >

**Date:** March 14, 2019 at 3:56:13 PM EDT

To: Undisclosed recipients:;

**Subject: Duke Pipeline hearing - Thu Mar 21** 

Hello - I understand there is an upcoming vote regarding Duke Energy's proposal to build a new high pressure natural gas pipeline. The latest drawings call for this pipeline to traverse populated areas, one of which is near my home in Pleasant Ridge, a suburb of Cincinnati Ohio. My hope is that you make an informed decision on the matter.

At issue is that despite the safety concerns, there doesn't seem to have been sufficient research presented to warrant this new infrastructure. This topic has been raised, debated, and postponed for many months. It does seem that Duke is playing the long game and hoping that public opposition will eventually dilute itself until they get a green light. Meanwhile, we continue to hear about pipeline explosions across the country and the world.

There is a public hearing next week being held on UC's campus at 9555 Plainfield Rd Blue Ash, OH 45236 from 3-8pm. Please plan to attend, out of respect for your important role in the upcoming official proceedings.

Thank you for reading this far!

Very best regards,

Brian Kaeppner 3235 Beredith Place Cincinnati OH 45213 513.236.0694

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Subject: FW: Inquiry Via "Contact Us" on ODH Website

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From: Puco ContactOPSB
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Subject: FW: Oppose OPSB Case #16-253-GA-BTX Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 2:38:26 PM

From: Linnea Lose < <a href="mailto:linnealose@gmail.com">linnealose@gmail.com</a>>
Date: March 15, 2019 at 8:47:45 PM EDT

To: amy.acton@odh.ohio.gov

Subject: Oppose OPSB Case #16-253-GA-BTX

Department of Health Director Acton:

Public safety should be of paramount concern in OPSB board's decision to approve or reject Duke Energy's application for the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension. Choosing to build a maximum-load natural gas pipeline amongst residences, businesses, schools and hospitals is as absurd as building an automobile gas station in the middle of Greater Cincinnati CVG airport. It not only makes no sense, but also is blatantly irresponsible and legally liable. Other routes are feasible, and safety standards are imperative. The fact that PUCO and OPSB have no safety standards for selecting a site or maintaining a gas line is exactly the reason why board members and legislators should buck current criteria and stand up for community safety, environmentalism and quality of life. I urge you to oppose Case # 16-253-GA-BTX.

Linnea Lose 6530 Bracken Ridge Ave. Cincinnati OH 45213 H 513-351-6530 linnealose@gmail.com

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Hello - I understand there is an upcoming vote regarding Duke Energy's proposal to build a new high pressure natural gas pipeline. The latest drawings call for this pipeline to traverse populated areas, one of which is near my home in Pleasant Ridge, a suburb of Cincinnati Ohio. My hope is that you make an informed decision on the matter.

At issue is that despite the safety concerns, there doesn't seem to have been sufficient research presented to warrant this new infrastructure. This topic has been raised, debated, and postponed for many months. It does seem that Duke is playing the long game and hoping that public opposition will eventually dilute itself until they get a green light. Meanwhile, we continue to hear about pipeline explosions across the country and the world.

There is a public hearing next week being held on UC's campus at 9555 Plainfield Rd Blue Ash, OH 45236 from 3-8pm. Please plan to attend, out of respect for your important role in the upcoming official proceedings.

Thank you for reading this far!

Very best regards,

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