

From: [Ohio Power Siting Board](#)
To: [Puco Docketing](#)
Subject: comment 16-0253 [ref:_00Dt0GzXt._500t0GIIHV:ref]
Date: Monday, April 1, 2019 11:39:06 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.

Jaclyn Threadgill

Golf Manor, Ohio 


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Case #16-0253-GA-BTX

This letter is to hopefully encourage you reconsider the current routes that you are considering for the pipeline through central Ohio. The routes being considered run through too many heavily populated areas. These routes you are considering run right down streets lined with people's homes. They run near parks, schools, industries, and neighborhood businesses. One portion of the route of the second option runs just feet away from a gas station in Reading, OH. I can't imagine what would happen to this residential area if there would be a gas explosion. The lives that would be lost, the homes and businesses and neighborhoods that would be destroyed. Other portions of these routes run near parks where large numbers of people gather at for festivals, concerts and sporting events. Could you imagine the numbers of lives affected if an explosion happened near the park. And please do not think that these routes are safe and there is nothing to worry about. There are several stories of these gas line explosions happening in multiple locations throughout the country. Here is a headline regarding an explosion which just happened this past January in Ohio. Homes were destroyed and people were injured. Enbridge Gas Pipeline Explosion Causes Fireball in Ohio An explosion of an Enbridge Inc natural gas pipeline in Ohio on Monday created a fireball of flame and damaged homes, prompting the evacuation of nearby residents. The explosion occurred on Enbridge's Texas Eastern pipeline system and appeared to have destroyed two homes, said Chasity Schmelzenbach, emergency management director for Noble County, Ohio. "We got reports flames were shooting (up) 80 feet to 200 feet (25-60 meters)," Schmelzenbach said. "You could see it upwards of 10-15 miles (16-24 km) away. Lots of people thought it was in their backyard because it does appear large. Enbridge later said that two people were injured and two structures damaged in the incident, which occurred at 10:40 a.m. EST (1540 GMT). It said the fire had been contained, but that residents near the incident had been evacuated. The Calgary-based company said it had "immediately started to shut in and isolate that section of pipeline" and was cooperating with authorities in its response. The U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has been notified about the explosion and has dispatched an investigator to the scene, an agency spokesman said. Enbridge's Texas Eastern pipeline carries natural gas from the U.S. Gulf Coast and Texas to high-demand markets in the mid-Atlantic and Northeast, according to Enbridge's website. It was not immediately clear if the shut-in would impact customers in some of the most densely populated areas in the United States during a particularly severe cold snap. A spokesman for Pennsylvania's major power supplier, PECO, said late on Monday it was not experiencing any disruptions related to the explosion. A fire on an Enbridge gas pipeline in northern British Columbia late last year led to supply disruptions throughout the Pacific Coast, forcing a number of Washington state refineries to temporarily shut or curb operations. (Reporting by Rod Nickel in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Julie Gordon in Vancouver, Jarrett Renshaw in New York. This is just one of many stories of gas line explosions which have happened. Could you imagine having this gas line run right through using either of the gas line option. I hope you will rethink the routes for this gas line. It is clearly too dangerous and too risky to follow through using either of these gas line options.

D, Seeger

Cincinnati, OH 45215 

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RE: Case# 16-0253-GA-BTX

Dear OPSB,

This pipeline is not needed, is potentially very dangerous, and we don't want it to go through our Cincinnati neighborhoods. If there is an explosion in the future like there has been in other parts of the country - taking human lives and causing tons of damage - it will be on your conscience. Please make the right decision and have Duke find an alternative that does not endanger lives.

Thank you, Tom Borchert
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Green Route

March 24, 2019

Laurie Stevenson, Member OPSB Board,

We rent our home at 110 Mechanic Street in Reading, Ohio. We just found out about the Duke Pipeline about 2 weeks ago when talking to a neighbor. This is horrible! How dare you destroy such a nice old community? Allowing Duke move forward on this pipeline without even notifying all the people who would be affected by an explosion is disgusting. Just the fact that you would attempt to keep so many of us in the dark about this pipeline tells us how dangerous it really is. Please keep this pipeline out of urban areas! When large gas lines explode in the country the damage and injury/death is much, much less devastating.

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is 'Jessica' and the second is 'Steve'.

Jessica Watkins and Steve Puchan
110 Mechanic Street
Reading/Cincinnati, Ohio
45215

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March 29, 2019

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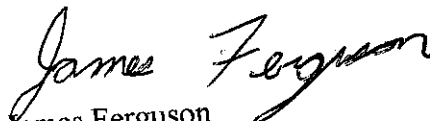
Duke's Green Route

Ms. Dorothy Pelanda,

All my life I have just tried to get along with people. You obviously don't believe in this idea. This pipeline is dangerous. It can and eventually will harm people. It is already hurting people by causing stress due to the routes Duke is forcing you to choose between. Why force this pipeline just feet from my home? This is a very densely populated area.

You know as well as I, there is more than one way to solve a problem. If Duke does need more gas for this area, have them find a better solution than hurting and destroying people and neighborhoods.

Yours Truly,


James Ferguson
1407 Market Street
Reading, Ohio 45215

March 27, 2019

OPSB Case # 16-0253-GA-BTX

Duke's Green Route

Dear Ms. Laurie Stevenson,

I am writing concerning OPSB Case Number 16-0253-GA-BTX, and I live on the Green Route.

It makes me proud that I am a lifelong resident of Reading for 80 years. I am a retired nurse, I've served on Reading's Life Squad, served as the Secretary of Reading's Health Department. I was married here. I have lived in my current home since 1967, and raised my 4 children here. I was very involved in Reading Band Boosters serving as the band nurse, and helped to organize many field trips to band competitions all over the USA.

My health has been excellent and I use to work in my flower gardens and yard every day.

Then I received Duke Energy's letter dated May 24th, 2016. About 2 months later I began to develop health problems. My Doctor said it was stress, combined with old age. I believe it is caused by fear. Whatever it is, You and the management at Duke Energy are causing it. That's right, You are killing me and my neighbors, too. Just to run a gigantic pipeline down our proud little residential street. Why are you doing this to us?

Martha Stahl,



1423 Market Street
Reading, Ohio 45215

March 27, 2019

Laurie Stevenson, Director OH EPA

I am opposed to the current routing of the Duke Central Corridor Pipeline. My home is at 108 Columbia Ave., about 150 feet from the pipeline route on Market Street. I have lived in Reading my entire life and have many friend and relatives in our proud little city. I am not a person inclined to speak out and tend to rely on our government to keep her citizens safe from things like this pipeline. I did not choose to testify, but I was at the March 23, 2019 OPSB Hearing and felt shame that not one of the OPSB Board Members bothered to be there. What you have all done here goes against everything I have believed our government stands for. The People!!!! I cannot believe a corporation has so much power that it can push back the government's only true purpose, to protect her people!

All of my friends and relative are opposed to this pipeline. Why don't you care about us? Are we expendable because we aren't rich???? Does our opinion and feelings not matter????? Please, please, please,,,,,,

I hope you at least read this,

Dale Morgan

Dale Morgan
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Reading, OH 45215

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Myron C. Gerson MD

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Laurie Stevenson, Director OH EPA

50 West Town Street, Suite 700

Columbus, Ohio 43215

March 25, 2019

Dear Director Stevens,

I am writing to express my deep concern and disappointment that no voting member of the Ohio Siting Board attended the Public Hearing concerning the natural gas transmission line proposed by Duke Energy to extend through a high consequence, high population density sector of Hamilton County. I am under the impression that we live in a democracy and that elected and appointed government officials have a responsibility to listen to the voices of Ohio citizens. During the five hour Public Hearing, mechanical engineers, chemical engineers, school principals, teachers, physicians, nurses, business owners, and a wide range of citizens presented their concerns about the Central Corridor Natural Gas Line Extension, project 16-253-GA-BTX. It was clear that:

1) Duke Energy has not established a need for a 20", 500 psi gas transmission line for the needs of the citizens of Hamilton County. The population of Hamilton County has decreased by 12% since 1970. Replacement of a functioning, recently refurbished backup propane facility, for which future upgrades are available if needed, is not a credible explanation for requiring a high capacity new transmission line.

2) Duke Energy has not provided a compelling argument concerning the structural integrity for the proposed pipeline. An engineer presented data at the Public Hearing indicating that the thickness of pipe for a 20" line is not adequate for the proposed pressure that the gas line will carry. Other concerns were expressed related to the stability of the ground in the proposed pipeline location. A citizen provided photographs of two very large, very deep sinkholes in close proximity to the proposed pipeline route. According to page 133 of the Ohio State Hazard Mitigation Plan, Hamilton County is one of the highest risk counties in Ohio for landslides. In addition, the proposed pipeline runs next to train routes that will result in vibration that may adversely impact pipeline integrity. I found a reference that the Federal Government has found that disruption of high-pressure natural gas transmission lines usually results in pipeline rupture, rather than leaks, suggesting that the public can have little reassurance by Duke Energy's program of pipeline surveillance to detect gas leaks.

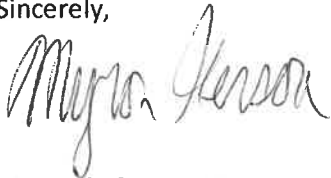
3) The financial impact of the pipeline on the residents of Hamilton County is already severe. People who live along the proposed transmission pipeline route, trying to sell their houses, have already experienced difficulty selling their houses or have had to accept large decreases in their selling prices.

Hamilton County residents will be compelled to support the pipeline financially with increased utility costs, and increased homeowner and business insurance costs. The pipeline will damage our communities. The proposed pipeline routes are in very close proximity to a major hospital, a very large, busy shopping mall, churches, businesses, and multiple schools. In addition to the obvious risk of loss of citizen's lives, a fire or explosion could have devastating and long-lasting effects on our vibrant communities.

4) The lack of a compelling case by Duke Energy that a transmission line is needed by or will benefit the citizens of Hamilton County raises the question of what the real purpose of this transmission line is. I ask the Siting Board, would Duke Energy proceed with the pipeline extension, if the Siting Board approval were contingent on Duke Energy signing a binding legal agreement not to extend the pipeline to a transmission pipeline outside of the state of Ohio in the future?

5) Finally, I understand that the Ohio Power Siting Board is not tasked with considerations of safety. The neighborhood that I live in includes Edwin Greene Middle School. Edwin Greene Middle School is within the perimeter of anticipated fatalities if the pipeline ruptures and explodes. Potentially hundreds of children would lose their lives. From 1/1/10 to 11/14/18 there were 2,003 natural gas line incidents in the United States, resulting in 116 fatalities, 572 injuries, 27,081 evacuees, 696 fires, 277 explosions, and \$1.5 billion dollars in property damage. In my view as a physician and a citizen, it is irrelevant whether safety is within the purview of the Ohio Siting Board. Being a member of the Board does not absolve individual Board members of their responsibility as public servants and individual human beings to address the safety of Ohio children and adult citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Myron C. Gerson".

Myron C. Gerson MD

Laurie Stevenson, Director
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
50 West Town Street, Suite 700
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Legal Office MAR 29 '19 AM 10:40

Re: Duke Energy's Central Corridor Pipeline

Dear Ms. Stevenson:

I am a resident of Evendale, Ohio, a retired public school teacher, and currently work at the Children's Dyslexia Center in Norwood, Ohio. This letter is in opposition to Duke's intent to uproot roads and businesses in northern Hamilton County.

As newly appointed public servants on the Ohio Siting Board, it is my humble hope that you will approach this responsibility with thought and respect for human life.

These are my reasons for opposing this misguided project:

1. Duke has no experience routing high pressurized pipelines through densely populated areas.
2. Declining population in our area does not support an additional need for natural gas.
3. Since the pipeline extends farther south and beyond Ohio, we know this supply is not intended for the citizens it will impact, both safety wise or economically.
4. Each route goes through neighborhoods and businesses which stand to lose both home equity and customer base during and after construction. Some pending sales are already on hold due to buyers wary of living near a potentially dangerous pipeline.
5. Soil in Cincinnati is greatly impacted by the numerous rains and is vulnerable to frequent landslides. A sinkhole just opened up in a cemetery right near the yellow site.
6. Each proposed path is near active railroad lines which see activity every day.
7. The orange route is next to Jewish Hospital, a large health facility that is an anchor in Kenwood. Directly across from the hospital is Cincinnati's only thriving shopping mall which attracts lots of shoppers.

8. The yellow route travels next to a public school, two churches, and on to Reading Road which is a main thoroughfare connecting numerous communities. It is also the site of a former Superfund and railroad.
9. Traffic through both areas is heavy and congested during both morning and afternoon rush hours.
10. Duke cannot provide assurance its high pressure pipeline can be problem free because realistically monitoring it must be done both above and below the ground.
11. Safety issues involving such projects have a bad record and those explosions have happened in sparsely populated areas. Just imagine what an explosion can do in any of these areas.
12. Rampant opposition has been active since 2016, and having attended informational meetings, I've seen representatives from all communities present to voice opposition as well.
13. To me, this decision seems to whittle down to people's lives versus big money. Hopefully the people will win.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Naugle". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

Judy Naugle
10644 Margate Terrace
Cincinnati, OH 45241

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March 26, 2019

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Dorothy Pelanda,

I am opposed to the current routing of the Duke Central Corridor Pipeline. Our home is at 1415 Market Street, our bedroom and living room are about 30 feet from the pipeline route. We have lived in Reading almost 50 years and have many friends and relatives in our proud little city. We have always relied on our government to keep citizens safe from things like this pipeline. We did not want to testify, but felt we had to at the March 26, 2019 OPSB hearing and felt shame that not one of the OPSB Board Members bothered to be there. What happened that day goes against everything we have believed our government stood for. The People!!! We cannot believe a corporation has so much power, that it can push back the government's only true purpose, to protect her people!

All of our friends and relatives are opposed to this pipeline. Why don't you care about us? Are we expendable because we aren't rich? Does our opinion and feelings not matter?

Do your job!!!! Please request an objective assessment of the proposed pipeline with concern for human safety.

Sincerely,


Justin and Ann Feldman

1415 Market Street

Reading, Ohio 45215 GREEN LINE

Dorothy Pelanda, OPSB Board Member,

March 25, 2019

I am writing you concerning the Duke Central Corridor Pipeline. I am against this high pressure 20 inch gas transmission line going so close to my home. I am also upset that I was never notified by Duke or the OPSB that you were considering this route. Even worse, the OPSB staff is recommending this route. If we in Reading had been as well informed as our wealthier, better educated neighbors on the Pink Line, the Green Route wouldn't even be an option now. The Green Route travels two and one half miles out of the way and travels through heavily polluted ground. To add even more insult, none of your OPSB members bothered to come to their own hearing in Blue Ash on March 21, 2019. Why don't you care about us?

Yours Truly,



Nick Roth
1324 Market St.
Reading, OH 45215

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