

**BEFORE  
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of Duke :  
Energy for a Certificate of Environmental :  
Compatibility and Public Need to : Case No. 16-0253-GA-BTX  
Construct the C314V Central Corridor :  
Pipeline Extension Project. :

**PREFILED TESTIMONY  
OF  
Derek F. Collins  
SITING, EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF RATES AND ANALYSIS  
OHIO POWER SITING BOARD STAFF**

**STAFF EX. \_\_\_\_**

**April 2, 2019**

1     1.     Q.     Please state your name and business address.

2           A.     My name is Derek F. Collins, and my business address is 180 East Broad  
3           Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

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5     2.     Q.     By whom are you employed and what is your position?

6           A.     I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) as a  
7           Geology Specialist in the Siting, Efficiency and Renewable Energy  
8           Division of the PUCO's Rates and Analysis Department.

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10    3.     Q.     Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

11           A.     I hold a Bachelor's Degree from Ohio University in Geology (1980). I have  
12           been employed by the State of Ohio from 1986 and specifically with the  
13           PUCO since 2010. I have worked exclusively on power siting activities  
14           during that time. I have developed analysis for over 25 cases before the  
15           Ohio Power Siting Board (Board). My responsibilities typically include  
16           geotechnical review and the preparation of analysis for the siting of major  
17           utility facilities in Ohio.

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19    4.     Q.     Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Board?

20           A.     Yes.

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22           Q.     What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

1 5. A. With my testimony, I am sponsoring a portion of the Staff Report of  
2 Investigation (Staff Report). Specifically, I was a Staff analyst for portions  
3 of the Staff Report pertaining to ecological impacts, specifically, the  
4 geology, slopes, and foundation suitability.

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6 6. Q. Are you testifying to any specific conditions in the Staff Report? If so,  
7 which ones?

8 A. No.

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10 7. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

11 A. Yes it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testimony  
12 as described herein, as new information subsequently becomes available or  
13 in response to positions taken by other parties.

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## PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of Derek F. Collins, submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board, was served via electronic mail, upon the following parties of record, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2019.

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