

**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  
Robert Holderbaum  
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 your business address.

2 A. My name is Robert Holderbaum, and my business address is 180 East  
3 Broad Street, Columbus OH 43215.  
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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 Utility Specialist II 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 of Science degree in Political Science Pre-Law (2009)  
12 and a Master of Science degree in Environmental Policy & Planning  
13 (2012), both from Ohio University.  
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15 I have been employed by the PUCO since 2012. I have worked almost  
16 exclusively on power siting activities during that time. I have provided  
17 analysis for over 100 cases before the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board).  
18 My responsibilities typically include application review and the preparation  
19 of analysis for major utility facility applications in Ohio, including  
20 accelerated filings such as Letters of Notification and Construction Notices.  
21 I have been the lead analyst for more than 34 applications for generation  
22 facilities, substations, and transmission line applications. I have also been

1 responsible for the preparation of staff reports and coordination of Staff  
2 review and field work for major utility facilities.

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4 4. Q. Have you previously testified before the Ohio Power Siting Board?

5 A. Yes.

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

8 A. I served as the overall Staff Project Lead for the investigation that resulted  
9 in the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report) that was filed March 5,  
10 2019 in this docket. I managed the Staff investigation and preparation of  
11 the Staff Report in this case.

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13 6. Q. What kind of case is this?

14 A. The Applicant proposes to construct, own, and operate a 13-14 mile long  
15 natural gas pipeline located in Hamilton County, Ohio.

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17 7. Q. Please summarize Staff's investigation that was conducted in this case.

18 A. Staff's investigation included reviewing the application, conducting site  
19 visits to the proposed facility location, acquiring additional information  
20 from the applicant, obtaining input from state agencies that compose the  
21 Board along with other relevant state and federal agencies, and preparing a  
22 Staff Report of Investigation that presents Staff's analysis, conclusions, and

1 recommendations. As a result of Staff's investigation, Staff is  
2 recommending that the Board approve the application, subject to the 38  
3 conditions that are presented in the Staff Report of Investigation.  
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5 8. Q. Why did Staff choose the Alternate Route over the Preferred Route?

6 A. Staff compared the cumulative impacts of both routes and believe the  
7 Alternate Route will result in fewer overall impacts and/or impacts that can  
8 be more effectively addressed.  
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10 9. Q. What impacts did Staff review for the project in arriving at this conclusion?

11 A. Staff reviewed the ecological impacts, residential impacts, cultural  
12 resources impacts, impacts to roads and bridges, impacts to agricultural  
13 lands, commercial properties, geological impacts, financial impacts, noise  
14 impacts, safety impacts, the need for the pipeline, and the aesthetic impacts  
15 of both pipelines.  
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17 10. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

18 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testi-  
19 mony, as new information subsequently becomes available or in response  
20 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 Robert Holderbaum, 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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