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Subject: CHOOSE LIFE. STOP THE DUKE ENERGY PIPELINE EXTENSION PROJECT.

TO THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD:

CHOOSE LIFE. Deny Duke Energy's pipeline extension project request. It is unsafe, endangering the lives of Hamilton County residents.

Why is this unsafe? First, the pressure rating on the line is far higher than generally accepted standards for pipelines in densely populated areas. The American Petroleum Institute, API, is the trade group which produces these standards. API advocates for its members as well as sets and maintains codes that are widely used as standards for design, construction, and maintenance of equipment for extraction, processing, transporting, and storing oil, gas, and chemicals. The API codes refer to pipelines between 500 psi and 1500 psi as transmission pipelines, and discuss how to safely connect them to pressure-reducing equipment and then into lower-pressure piping networks before entering cities or towns.

Second, Duke Energy has not demonstrated that it has any experience building or maintaining a natural gas pipeline at this pressure rating or even close to this pressure rating. When asked, Duke's representatives point to Duke pipelines rated for "greater than 60 psi." 60 psi is 12% of 500 psi. That makes this proposal an extremely dangerous experiment.

Third, accidents happen. Even when all the proper risk-reducing measures are taken in construction and maintenance, leaks cannot be 100% prevented. Risk management software used by our local municipalities predicts that a leak in this pipeline will burn totally everything in a half-mile radius, and do serious damage within a mile radius. In Hamilton County, regardless of the exact route chosen, the loss of life and property would be comparable to that caused by war.

Because the amount of natural gas this proposed pipeline could carry is many times the total amount used by all business and retail consumers in Ohio, and because it appears that the pipeline will eventually be connected to port cities on the Gulf of Mexico, it is reasonable to assume that Duke Energy believes the international market for natural gas will be strong. That would mean jobs for Ohioans, money to build and/or upgrade hydraulic fracturing operations to modern safety and environmental standards, and profits for Duke Energy shareholders. Those are all good things. This pipeline must be rerouted through unpopulated areas, and Duke Energy must demonstrate it has the ability to build and maintain it safely, to make those things happen.

I am deeply disappointed that none of you attended the recent public hearing on this topic in Blue Ash. I feel my concerns and those of my community are not being taken seriously in Columbus. It is true that public safety is outside the Ohio Power Siting Board's purview. Nevertheless, when the Board's mission was established, nobody imagined that the headquarters of a utility company would be located outside the state of Ohio. NO ONE that supports this project lives in Hamilton County.

You have all been appointed by a governor who claims to be pro-life. This project is pro-death. CHOOSE LIFE. Reach beyond the narrow definition of your mission. Serve the residents of Hamilton County, and defend our lives. STOP THIS PIPELINE from being built in Hamilton County.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia S. Ziek

Blue Ash

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April 1st, 2019

Araceli Arizmendi

108 West Mechanic Street

Reading, Ohio 45215

Ms. Dorothy Pelanda,

This letter concerns the Duke Central Corridor Pipeline, OPSB Case 16-0253-GA-BTX, Duke's Green Route.

I do not want this pipeline. I have saved all my adult life with the hope of someday owning my dream home. That dream became a reality one year and three months ago. Unfortunately, no one made me aware of this pipeline and the impact it will have on our community. Since our home is not directly on the pipeline route, but rather about 150 feet west of it, I was not informed by Duke Energy, Local, or State Government agencies. I am very annoyed by the lack of information and the secretive nature that the OPSB allowed Duke to use in regards to informing all of the people within the Explosion Zone of this pipeline.

If this pipeline were safe and beneficial to those around it, wouldn't Duke management want it in their own yards and streets?

Please, try to think of this as if it were happening to you and your family.

I am afraid.

Sincerely,


Araceli Arizmendi and Dustin Medina

March 30, 2019

Dear Ms. Dorothy Pelanda,

My name is Sherry Tegeder. I live at 1330 Market Street, Reading, Ohio. My home is on Duke's Green Line. I do not like asking for help, but for my son Nick, I will.

Nick has multiple handicaps, cerebral palsy, and is nonverbal. He is confined to a wheelchair.

Five days a week he goes to Active Day Workshop. This is always a bright spot in his day. He enjoys his work.

I am told the installation of the pipeline in front of our only wheelchair ramp could take weeks.

Taking away Nick's work, even for a few days, will be very upsetting and depressing for him.

He will not understand.

If the pipeline fails anywhere near us, we will not be able to escape. It would be impossible.

You see, I am also confined to a wheelchair. Can you understand that this house of ours is our safe place, our home. The constant worry the pipeline will cause, will destroy our safe place and our health.

I am angry and afraid!

I know there are alternative solutions to what Duke wants to do other than running this big pipeline through densely populated streets. Please consider them. Most importantly, remember the safety of all people should be considered. Hear the people who cannot speak. Nick and I need your help. Please don't abandon us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherry Tegeder".

Sherry Tegeder,
1330 Market Street
Reading, Ohio 45215
OPSB Case # 16-0253-GA-BTX

April 1st, 2019

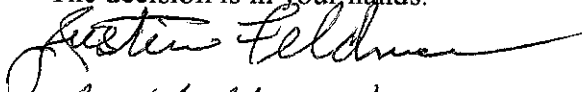

OPSB Case # 16-0253-GA-BTX
Duke's Green Route

Ann and Justin Feldman
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Ms. Dorothy Pelanda,

Duke's Central Corridor Pipeline is an accident looking for a place to happen. In an effort to force all their ratepayers in Southwestern Ohio to pay for their pipeline they are routing it through densely populated areas, and claiming a need which does not exist. Do not allow this pipeline to travel through urban streets. There is a reason these huge gas transmission lines are routed through the countryside and not the city. If Duke wants this route so bad, they should buy all the houses on the route. That way, we the people, will be safe and Duke, the corporation, will have what it wants. Doesn't sound economically reasonable to the corporate citizen does it? Well Duke's pipeline doesn't sound reasonable to the human citizens that will be forced to live just a few feet from it.

The decision is in your hands.



Ann and Justin Feldman

March 31, 2019

Dorothy Pelanda,

All Americans have the same basic rights. We all have the right to be safe and to be respected. By allowing Duke Energy to place this 20", 500 PSI, natural gas transmission pipeline in the street just feet from my front door, you are letting Duke rob me and all people on this pipeline of these basic rights. This is not good or right. We do not need this pipeline, Duke simply wants it. What we do need is our safety and respect to be recognized by our government Officials, both elected and appointed.

With much thought and concern,
Barbara Humes

Barbara Humes

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Hello. I live at 1215 Market St, Reading Ohio 45215. I would greatly appreciate you to not allow this pipeline to run through any city, towns, village. This pipeline is not even a need. It's just a want to express fuel down the map. If this pipeline goes in a long families, schools, hospitals, nursing homes parks and so on, what is going to happen if the is some sort of accident?? I would not want a 000.0001 chance of that happening. There has to be a better outcome. More avenues need to be explored. Please do not allow this to happen. You hold thousands of peoples lives in your vote. Please make the right decision.

Thanks,
Erica Behrmann
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Reading, OH 45215

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