April 1st, 2019

OPSB Case # 16-0253-GA-BTX

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From: Dr. Catherine Grady Strathern

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Looking forward to your informing me of your decision...



Dear Ms. Mertz, Director OH DNR,

We are writing to voice our strong opposition to Duke Energy's 20"/500 PSI Central Corridor Pipeline Proposal. We have been deeply concerned about this project since 2016, and our opposition to it remains as strong as ever.

We are requesting that you reject the current proposal and request a thorough and objective assessment of the project. We need impartial input to determine that there is a need for this new pipeline in our heavily populated area and whether the proposed pipeline is the most financially responsible, prudent, and effective solution to address Duke's stated need. Please consider the safety of the residents in this area of Hamilton County and evaluate Duke's proposal with safety as a primary consideration.

We implore you not to ignore our urgent plea to stop this pipeline from being placed in heavily populated, green areas. We have lived in Cincinnati all of our adult lives and do not want our environment destroyed or greatly altered and lives endangered for a pipeline that we perceive to be dangerous and unnecessary.

Thank you.

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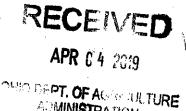
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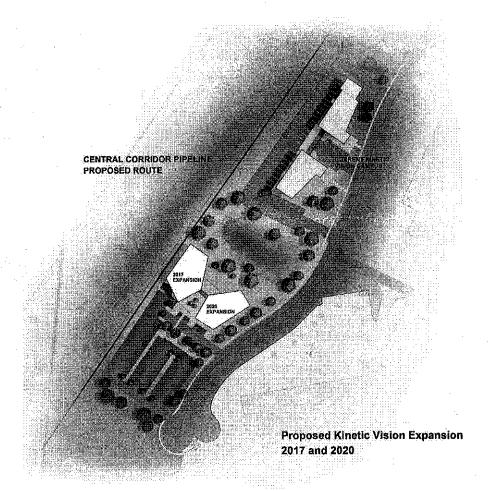


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Dear Dorothy Pelanda,

In 1985 I started a one-person engineering consulting business out of my Cincinnati bedroom with a one-year-old on my knee. Now, nearly 35 years later, that child is 6" taller than me and my company has grown to 140 people. Kinetic Vision provides research and development services to companies throughout the US and around the world, and we're proud to call Evendale, Ohio as our home. My talented team consists predominantly of college graduates from Ohio universities, most of whom at one time worked for us as cooperative education students while they completed their degree. We're on the cutting edge of many important technologies, including smart-product development, advanced materials, industrial scanning, virtual reality and machine learning. Our skillset diversity makes us unique among our peers.

We've built three custom facilities in Evendale as we've grown, and along with other capital expenditures, they represent about \$8,500,000 in personal investment. Our fourth building is planned for 2020.



As you are well aware, Duke Energy wants to put a 500 psi gas main right next to our campus. In fact, it will be 20-30' from our third and most recent building. This will be *extremely* detrimental to Kinetic Vision.

My employees are well aware of the dangers of natural gas pipeline explosions. Sure gas lines run under Cincinnati neighborhoods now but those are **2-50 psi, not 500**. I've personally been told that many employees will quit rather than work next to a what they feel is a ticking bomb. Those that remain will live in constant fear that a disaster could happen at any time. (Interestingly "public safety" isn't even a consideration in the pipeline route decision.) Many employees that started working for me as college students now have families of their own, and I'm faced with the prospect of a 6-year-old asking their mom or dad if they're "going to die" at work because they overheard their parents talking about the pipeline or they saw it on the news. **This is not hyperbole; this conversation will likely happen.**

The public is well aware of the dangers of gas pipelines. It doesn't matter whether their fear is rational or not, the fear alone will greatly devalue the property and buildings I've spent my life savings on. What's the probability of a Three Mile Island-type meltdown with a modern nuclear power plant? I bet very low; but would you buy a house for your family right next to it? That's what Duke Energy is forcing on me and my employees. If allowed, my life-long efforts to build a successful business will be reduced to something of little or no value, and 140 (and soon 200) high-tech, high-paying jobs will be lost, along with the \$15 million annual tax wage base.

Unfortunately, I've been told that the Ohio Power Siting Board has never turned down a request like this. In my opinion that is callous and unconscionable. I only ask that you consider what you would do if your spouse, child, or grandchild was forced to work within 25' of a potential bomb. I'm an engineer myself and have worked with other engineers whose job it is to calculate risk. Privately they tell me that it's impossible to accurately gauge risk for anything, all they can only provide is their best educated guess based on past data. The best engineered things: new Boeing airplanes, space shuttles, and yes gas pipelines, fail in disastrous ways all the time. Why not spend the extra money and place this pipeline away from where people live and work to mitigate this potential calamity?

I implore you to consider the damage to this pipeline would cause to my company and other homes and businesses along the route. What I've spent 35 years creating could suddenly become worthless. With the investment I've made in our three (soon four) buildings I can't afford to relocate, but I also can't ask people to work right next to something they will fear every day. Please ask serious questions on whether this pipeline is even necessary, and please consider the men, women and children whose lives will be affected by it. Thank you for listening.

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Richard R. Schweet President and CEO

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Dear Ms. Mary Mertz,

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?

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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

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RESOLUTION NO. 36R -2018

RECOGNIZING the need for the State of Ohio to strengthen requirements for siting natural gas pipelines to include public safety criteria as well as setbacks and zoning requirements; and ENCOURAGING the Ohio General Assembly to enact legislation implementing such changes.

WHEREAS, Ohio has a growing economic interest in the natural gas business, and high pressure natural gas pipelines are being installed around Ohio and the region to transmit this gas; and

WHEREAS, high pressure natural gas pipelines, if ruptured or damaged, may pose significant risk to public safety and the environment due to the high operating pressure and the highly flammable, explosive and toxic properties of the products transported; and

WHEREAS, the National Transportation Safety Board has recognized that third-party damage and pipeline right-of-way encroachment are the biggest threats to pipeline safety; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Reading is on record with its opposition the construction of the high pressure Duke Energy Central Corridor Pipeline Extension project, a high-pressure natural gas pipeline in the Cincinnati area, due to its close proximity to homes, recreational facilities, schools and daycares, nursing homes, hospitals, churches and other such high-density development; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Reading desires to advocate for policies and regulations intended to reduce the likelihood of accidental damage to pipelines and to help reduce adverse impacts in the event of pipeline failure; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Reading believes that the regulation of the proximity of high pressure pipelines carrying potentially flammable liquids is desirable to preserve public safety and the environment and wishes to specifically advocate for minimum lot line distance requirements and other reasonable distance requirements based on zoning and building uses; and

WHEREAS, in reviewing applications for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to allow for siting of a new gas pipeline, the Ohio Power Siting Board relies on State law that utilizes several criteria, none of which is public safety; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Reading, State of Ohio:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Reading recommends to the State of Ohio that legislation be passed consistent with laws in other states and local jurisdictions in states without home-rule limitations to require setbacks and other zoning and siting requirements as well as to pass legislation that adds public safety to the siting criteria for the Ohio Power Siting Board.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council.

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