

April 1, 2019  
OPSB Case# 16-0253-GA-BTX  
Green Route

Dorothy Pelanda, Director OH Dept. of Agriculture,

As an Ohio taxpayer and resident of Reading Ohio I **IMPLORE** you to please ask for an independent and thorough evaluation of Duke Energy's application, basis for need and available alternatives to their proposed high pressure 20 inch gas pipeline through my community based on the following listed points:

- The proposed pipeline is **NOT** necessary at this time and only benefits Duke Energy and not its customers.
- The highly possible danger of a pipeline explosion within a **HIGHLY** populated area that includes schools, businesses, nurseries and places of worship.
- The increase in cost for ALL of Duke's customers whether they live within the "blast zone" or not.
- The fact that Duke will need 30 feet of permanent clearance to construct the proposed pipeline which would include digging up entire yards and removing trees and destroying our environment.
- Most high pressure gas pipeline explosions have been so intense that hazmat crews cannot even enter the affected area!
- Finally, the fact that at Town Hall meetings for Duke's customers in 2018 and again in 2019 **NOT ONE** member of the Ohio Power Siting Board appeared to listen to the concerns of our citizens. **VERY DISAPPOINTING!**

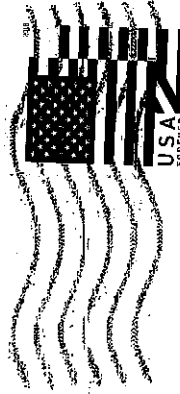
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Sincerely,



Scott Minor  
Resident of  
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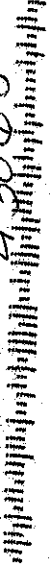
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Dorothy Pelanda  
Director OH Dept. of Agriculture  
8995 East Main St.

Reynoldsburg

Ohio 43068

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April 2, 2019

Dear Ms. Pelanda, OH Dept of Agriculture Director,

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.

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Thank you.

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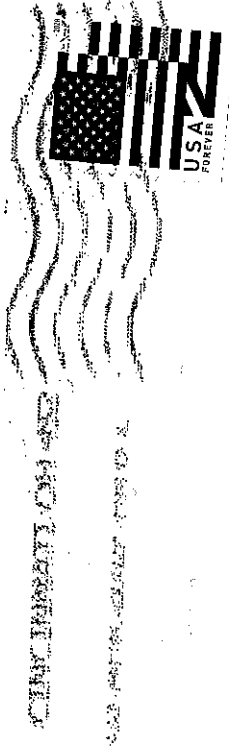
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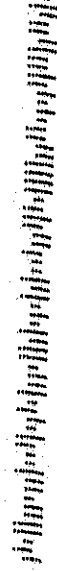
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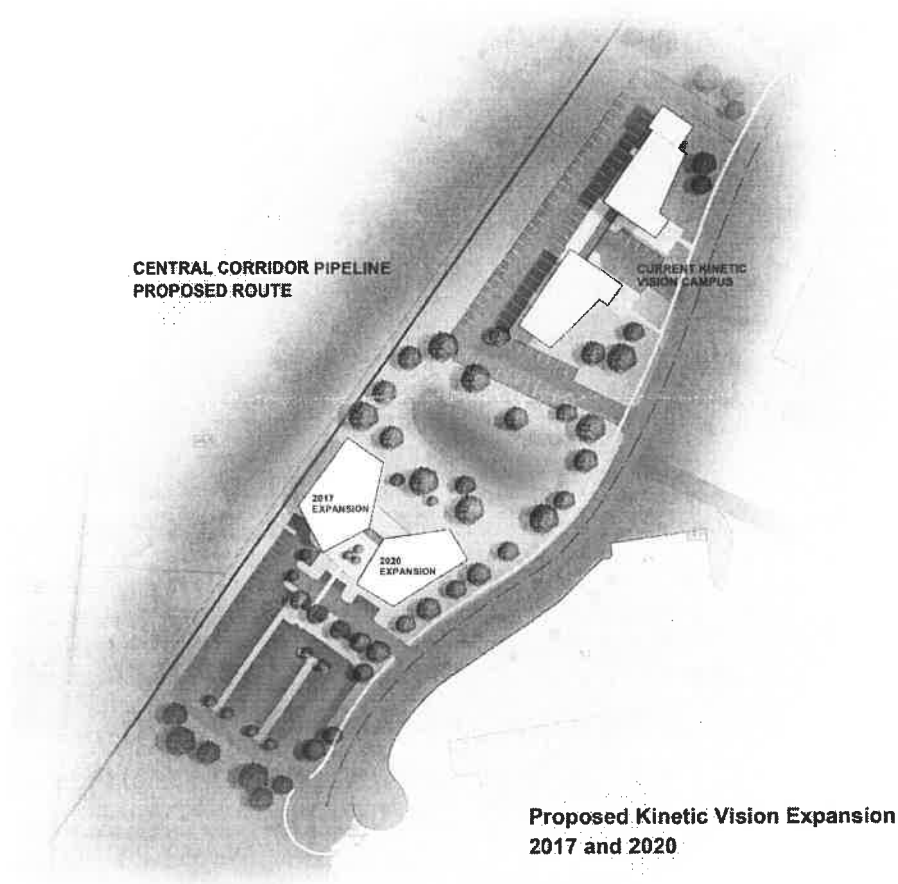
March 26, 2019

Laurie Stevenson  
Director OH EPA  
50 West Town Street  
Suite 700  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Laurie Stevenson,

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.



**Proposed Kinetic Vision Expansion  
2017 and 2020**

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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.

Sincerely,



Richard R. Schweet  
President and CEO  
Kinetic Vision

10255 Evendale Commons Drive  
Cincinnati, OH 45241



To: 

From: Dr. Catherine Grady Strathern

Re: **Case # 16-0253-GA-BTX, Duke Application for Pipeline Extension**

I am writing today to ask you to forbid Duke Energy from building the Pipeline extension in either of its current proposed routes.

My husband and I have already sent letters, petitions and emails to you and your predecessors for the past nearly three years.

The relevant issues include:

1. **Need** — Duke has not demonstrated sufficient need for this pipeline to the community. This is a transmission line that doesn't have any local taps, so will not benefit our communities. Duke can build a connecting pipeline in much less densely populated areas.
2. **Environmental impact** — This pipeline is planned along major commuting routes for thousands daily. The construction would be extremely disruptive. Hundreds of mature trees and all types of landscaping would be destroyed permanently. People's front yards would be decimated. After construction, the 80 foot clearance required would be a permanent scar on dozens of neighborhoods.
3. **Cost** — The rate payers in the communities would shoulder the burden of the construction and support of this pipeline. **If we don't want it and it doesn't benefit us, why should we pay for it???**
4. **Safety** — I understand that safety is not a criteria OPSB uses in making its decisions. (Now there's a change that should be made!!). However, as public servants, your **first** responsibility is to protect the citizens of the state from harm. This pipeline extension is unnecessarily harmful and unsafe!! Pay attention to your most basic responsibility!!

Citizens know there is a national natural gas pipeline system under construction. We are not opposed to this system. We are opposed to **this** pipeline in **this** location. It is densely populated, with numerous schools, places of worship, shopping centers, railways, heavy traffic patterns and hundreds of residences. Duke can build a connector to the east with far less negative impact.

Citizens also know that Duke is a business, desirous of making profits for its shareholders. At this point, it feels like Duke is dug in and waiting for public outcry to subside before it plows ahead. They could've developed other routes by now and be already making money with far less public animosity!

I am asking you to do the right thing. Do not rubber-stamp this application. Do your homework and drive these routes, as I have. Research the incidence of gasoline explosions in recent years. Listen to your constituents, please! It is our welfare at stake.

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

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From: "T. Anderson" <mailto:td@tds.com>

Re: Case 5:19-cv-00048-BJA Document 1-1 Filed 07/15/19

I am writing to you to inform you that I have received your letter of July 15, 2019, regarding the above-captioned matter.

I have reviewed the information you provided and I am sorry to hear that you are experiencing difficulties with your computer.

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