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Dear Ms. Trombold:

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE give your utmost scrutiny to the question of whether the proposed Central Corridor Pipeline Extension is really and truly necessary.

Listen to the heart-wrenching testimony from people who will suffer in many ways from a large pipeline being placed VERY near to their homes, schools, churches, synagogues, and workplaces. Even though Duke intends to comply with current safety practices, the risk of a natural gas explosion, which would be deadly in our urban area, still exists and cannot be eliminated. In addition, the pipeline will ruin portions of our natural environment, degrading the value of homes and businesses nearby.

In this case, where the pipeline will expose our community to serious risks and environmental burdens, Duke's claimed "need" should be given the highest level of scrutiny. Duke Energy wants this pipeline, but it is not necessary -- less intrusive alternatives exist!

There is overwhelming strong public opposition from the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, as well as the communities of Amberley Village, Blue Ash, Columbia Township, Deer Park, Evendale, Golf Manor, Madeira, Pleasant Ridge, Reading, and Sycamore Township.

Please consider how horrendously offensive Duke's proposal is to the vast majority of residents of Hamilton County AND DENY DUKE'S CENTRAL CORRIDOR PIPELINE PROPOSAL AS UNNECESSARY.

With sincere and humble pleas for your help,

Grace and Anthony Severyn




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April 6, 2019 OPSB  
Case # 16-0253-GA-BXT Central Corroder Pipeline Extension

I have been following the Central Corroder Pipeline Extension since it was first announced. At one time one of the routes was going to be 95 ft from my home. That route was eliminated early in the selection process. This did not deter me from still opposing this unnecessary and costly want of Duke Energy. This is a project that is a total miss applied application, to place this 20" high-pressure pipeline through an urban high population area is immoral and a liability to all who have proposed it and also to the people who approve it. The opposition, has brought to light the danger of this project, most high pressure pipelines are located in rural areas to minimize the danger of any type of incidence. If the original pipeline, that was 95 feet from my home, would have had a break or been disturbed by a third party, my life and family would have never survived. That is freighting and I have to ask you, is this something you would want to live next to or have any one in your family to live next to? I have read all the testimony and all the responses, to date, but in all the data and all the specifications I have not seen one word or statements about life safety. Nowhere in the OPSB & PUCO documents is life protection mentioned. The documents do cover the technical requirements and items that protect the utility company and the PUCO but not one word about protecting the population near where this high-pressure pipeline is to be located. Normal operations is to have the high pressure lines run in rural areas and then to drop the pressure before it is pipe in to urban areas. Does Duke Energy realize the magnitude of the liability they are taking on, better yet is the OPSB and PUCO willing to take on this liability as well? Accidents will happen and the question will be, how did this get approved and who approved it. More people have covered the fact that Duke Energy has never really provided a real need for this size of this infrastructure. The need is for a small fraction of the total capacity of the pipeline and pressure the pipeline will be operating. Small feeder pipelines at lower pressure could be used to supply the need over the long run. I encourage you to reject this pipeline application. Duke Energy has never proved a need for this upgrade through out this process.

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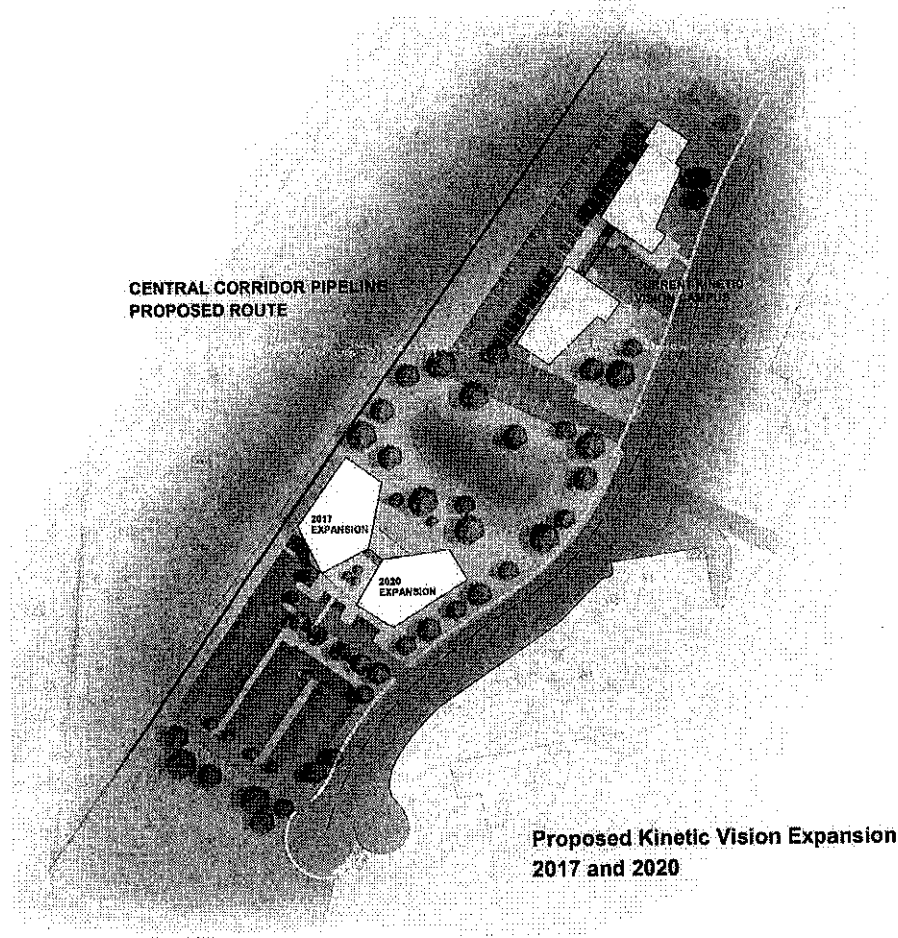
March 26, 2019

Mary Mertz  
Director OH DNR  
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Dear Mary Mertz,

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.

Sincerely,



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Kinetic Vision

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March 21, 2019

Laurie Stevenson  
Director OH EPA  
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Dear Laurie Stevenson:

I am writing on behalf of my wife, fellow home owner, residents, employees and business owners of Evendale, Reading, Gulf Manor, Blue Ash, Amberly Village to oppose the building of the Duke Pipeline. This absolutely boggles my mind to think that this is a safe and sound decision by Duke to dig up 13 – 15 miles of private property, commercial property, nature preserves, city parks to install a 20” high pressure gas line.

This is a transmission line, not intended to service homes in the area, but to move large amounts of natural gas through different regions of the country. Duke would have us believe this is to insure customers have heat in the winter months, therefore it is our best interest. That’s a lie!

I’m a welder by trade so I know of the less than acceptable standards regarding the workmanship and X-ray quality welds that happen in the field. The San Bruno California natural gas explosion is a reminder of what can happen. The human factor or “Loss of Life” is a nonissue for Duke when it comes to money. Sadly, the environment seems to be of more importance. The hospitals, schools, elementary schools, churches and retirements home do not seem to be important enough to discourage possible danger and explosive situations. I’m shocked to see the path Duke is proposing will undermine I-75 and GE. April 2011, we had a lightning strike (photo included) in my driveway. We’re still picking up fulgurite from the drive. This pipeline has NO business in a residential area. I and a thousand of citizens are asking you to please save our futures, our children’s future, equity in our homes and our family business and put a stop to Duke’s high-pressure transmission line.

Sincerely,

Randy Ivins  
Evendale Home Owner





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

Laurie Stevenson, Director OH EPA,

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!**

Sincerely,



Scott Minor  
Resident of  
Reading, Ohio

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