

CC: Brittney Colvin

April 4, 2019

Case # 16-0253-GA-BTX,

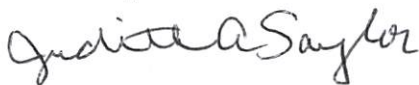
Mary Mertz, Director OH DNR,

I recently purchased my home at 815 Third St., Reading, Ohio. I have resided at 815 Third St. for 3 years. My home is 122 years old and was in need of repair. After much money, time and effort was put into it, I learned of the Pipeline. I recently attended a meeting only to learn the Pipeline was coming right down through the boulevard in front of my home, basically, my front yard. I also learned at this meeting, Hamilton County does not NEED this PIPELINE. Other residents in attendance were the ones to speak of this. The 4 Duke Representatives didn't have anything to say, other than to state their name and address. The Siting Committee did not even show up. Nor did they show up at the last public meeting. How concerned are they? Why would they be concerned? The Pipeline isn't going through their front yard!!! It is no deadly threat to their family!!!

This Pipeline needs to be stopped!!! It is environmentally a menace! It can potentially destroy families, schools, nursing homes and other businesses. It would definitely kill people!!! There is nowhere to run!!! All it would take is one small mistake by one contractor. It is possible!!!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Judith A. Saylor

815 Third Street, Reading, Ohio 45215 GREEN LINE

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

Mary Mertz, Director OH DNR,

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

Scott Minor
Resident of
Reading, Ohio

*1405 Market St.
Reading
Ohio
45215*

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ODNR Director's Office

Mary Mertz,

I am writing to you in an effort to put a stop to the Alternate Route for the Duke Central Corridor Pipeline through Reading, Ohio. This plan puts many people in harm's way should this proposal be carried out. This type of transmission pipeline should NEVER be considered for such a populated area. It puts newborn babies, thru 99 year old citizens, many of whom have lived in our community their entire lives, at extreme risk.

Though we are but one small community of many involved in this pipeline plan, we have all spent our lives building equity in our homes. That equity/value will drop dramatically as a result of this ludicrous plan. The only winner will be Duke for a pipeline that is not necessary. It will result in Duke supplying highly flammable gas to communities as far away as Indiana and Kentucky! The pipeline should go through more rural areas, where it will not kill and sacrifice human lives!

Please stop this insanity and allow the good citizens a chance to keep their children, homes and investments safe! As you know this type of pipeline has the potential to become the equal to a bomb that will level the home of my family. The design and psi have never been tested and will be done using contractors, who will be installing it for the first time! This is bound to have flaws that can kill people! It is being paid for by the very taxpayers, who are in danger! How can this be a good idea? Are any of the members of the Siting Committee living in this area? I bet they are not even close!

I have written to the Governor of Ohio and the Siting Board, who have not bothered to attend the last 2 public meetings. Send Duke Representatives in their place.

Please stop this proposal! Duke has no right to do this to innocent people! Let them go somewhere else, where they will not hurt human lives.

Sincerely,



Leah J. Wilson

2581 Petworth St., Reading, Ohio 45236

GREEN LINE

March 26, 2019

Case #16-0253-GA-BTX

Mary Mertz,

I am opposed to the current routing of the Duke Central Corridor Pipeline. Our home is at 1415 Market Street, our bedroom and living room are about 30 feet from the pipeline route. We have lived in Reading almost 50 years and have many friends and relatives in our proud little city. We have always relied on our government to keep citizens safe from things like this pipeline. We did not want to testify, but felt we had to at the March 26, 2019 OPSB hearing and felt shame that not one of the OPSB Board Members bothered to be there. What happened that day goes against everything we have believed our government stood for. The People!!! We cannot believe a corporation has so much power, that it can push back the government's only true purpose, to protect her people!

All of our friends and relatives are opposed to this pipeline. Why don't you care about us? Are we expendable because we aren't rich? Does our opinion and feelings not matter?

Do your job!!!! Please request an objective assessment of the proposed pipeline with concern for human safety.

Sincerely,

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Justin and Ann Feldman

1415 Market Street

Reading, Ohio 45215

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ODNR Director's Office

Mary Mertz, Director OH DNR,

March 25, 2019

I am writing you concerning the Duke Central Corridor Pipeline. I am against this high pressure 20 inch gas transmission line going so close to my home. I am also upset that I was never notified by Duke or the OPSB that you were considering this route. Even worse, the OPSB staff is recommending this route. If we in Reading had been as well informed as our wealthier, better educated neighbors on the Pink Line, the Green Route wouldn't even be an option now. The Green Route travels two and one half miles out of the way and travels through heavily polluted ground. To add even more insult, none of your OPSB members bothered to come to their own hearing in Blue Ash on March 21, 2019. Why don't you care about us?

Yours Truly,



Nick Roth
1324 Market St.
Reading, OH 45215

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Myron C. Gerson MD

7714 Stonehenge Dr.

Cincinnati, OH 45242

Mary Mertz, Director OH DNR

2045 Morse Road, Bldg. D-3

Columbus, Ohio 43229

March 25, 2019

Dear Director Mertz,

I am writing to express my deep concern and disappointment that no voting member of the Ohio Siting Board attended the Public Hearing concerning the natural gas transmission line proposed by Duke Energy to extend through a high consequence, high population density sector of Hamilton County. I am under the impression that we live in a democracy and that elected and appointed government officials have a responsibility to listen to the voices of Ohio citizens. During the five hour Public Hearing, mechanical engineers, chemical engineers, school principals, teachers, physicians, nurses, business owners, and a wide range of citizens presented their concerns about the Central Corridor Natural Gas Line Extension, project 16-253-GA-BTX. It was clear that:

- 1) Duke Energy has not established a need for a 20", 500 psi gas transmission line for the needs of the citizens of Hamilton County. The population of Hamilton County has decreased by 12% since 1970. Replacement of a functioning, recently refurbished backup propane facility, for which future upgrades are available if needed, is not a credible explanation for requiring a high capacity new transmission line.
- 2) Duke Energy has not provided a compelling argument concerning the structural integrity for the proposed pipeline. An engineer presented data at the Public Hearing indicating that the thickness of pipe for a 20" line is not adequate for the proposed pressure that the gas line will carry. Other concerns were expressed related to the stability of the ground in the proposed pipeline location. A citizen provided photographs of two very large, very deep sinkholes in close proximity to the proposed pipeline route. According to page 133 of the Ohio State Hazard Mitigation Plan, Hamilton County is one of the highest risk counties in Ohio for landslides. In addition, the proposed pipeline runs next to train routes that will result in vibration that may adversely impact pipeline integrity. I found a reference that the Federal Government has found that disruption of high-pressure natural gas transmission lines usually results in pipeline rupture, rather than leaks, suggesting that the public can have little reassurance by Duke Energy's program of pipeline surveillance to detect gas leaks.
- 3) The financial impact of the pipeline on the residents of Hamilton County is already severe. People who live along the proposed transmission pipeline route, trying to sell their houses, have already experienced difficulty selling their houses or have had to accept large decreases in their selling prices. Hamilton County residents will be compelled to support the pipeline financially with increased utility costs, and increased homeowner and business insurance costs. The pipeline will damage our communities. The proposed pipeline routes are in very close proximity to a major hospital, a very large,

busy shopping mall, churches, businesses, and multiple schools. In addition to the obvious risk of loss of citizen's lives, a fire or explosion could have devastating and long-lasting effects on our vibrant communities.

4) The lack of a compelling case by Duke Energy that a transmission line is needed by or will benefit the citizens of Hamilton County raises the question of what the real purpose of this transmission line is. I ask the Siting Board, would Duke Energy proceed with the pipeline extension, if the Siting Board approval were contingent on Duke Energy signing a binding legal agreement not to extend the pipeline to a transmission pipeline outside of the state of Ohio in the future?

5) Finally, I understand that the Ohio Power Siting Board is not tasked with considerations of safety. The neighborhood that I live in includes Edwin Greene Middle School. Edwin Greene Middle School is within the perimeter of anticipated fatalities if the pipeline ruptures and explodes. Potentially hundreds of children would lose their lives. From 1/1/10 to 11/14/18 there were 2,003 natural gas line incidents in the United States, resulting in 116 fatalities, 572 injuries, 27,081 evacuees, 696 fires, 277 explosions, and \$1.5 billion dollars in property damage. In my view as a physician and a citizen, it is irrelevant whether safety is within the purview of the Ohio Siting Board. Being a member of the Board does not absolve individual Board members of their responsibility as public servants and individual human beings to address the safety of Ohio children and adult citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Myron C. Gerson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Myron" being more prominent.

Myron C. Gerson MD

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March 23, 2019

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Case #16-0253-GA-BTX

Mary Mertz, Director OH DNR,

ODNR Director's Office

I am opposed to the current routing of the Duke Central Corridor Pipeline. My home is at 108 Columbia Ave., about 150 feet from the pipeline route on Market Street. I have lived in Reading my entire life and have many friend and relatives in our proud little city. I am not a person inclined to speak out and tend to rely on our government to keep her citizens safe from things like this pipeline. I did not choose to testify, but I was at the March 23, 2019 OPSB Hearing and felt shame that not one of the OPSB Board Members bothered to be there. What you have all done here goes against everything I have believed our government stands for. The People!!!! I cannot believe a corporation has so much power that it can push back the government's only true purpose, to protect her people!

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I hope you at least read this,

Dale Morgan

Dale Morgan
108^W Columbia Avenue
Reading, OH 45215

"Green Route"

CC: Brittney Colvin

March 18, 2019

Dear Mary Mertz
Director OH DNR
2045 Morse Road, Bldg. D-3
Columbus, Ohio 43229

Congratulations on your recent appointment to the OPSB. Being new, I know you are trying to get up to speed. There has been a lot of activity in South West Ohio regarding the Duke Energy proposed Central Pipe Line Extension (OPSB Case #16-0253-GA-BTX).

I encourage you to set aside some time to familiarize your self on the fact surrounding this case. At the last public hearing on this case there were more that 80 to 100 people presenting their opposition to the installation of this pipeline and only 2 who approved of the plan. The main theme was this high pressure gas line was being installed in a high-density urban environment. I am sure that if you check the incoming opposition phone calls, mail and e-mail received by OPSB you will find it has received thousand of opposition responsive in opposition to the OPSB Case #16-0253-GA-BTX.

The opposition has been very active in their research and has built a strong case against the need for this new pipeline expansion and most of all, the location of such a dangerous pipeline in an urban area so close to so many Homes, Schools, Churches, Malls, Retail Businesses and Hospitals. In Ohio most pipelines of this size (93%) are sited in rural areas. Duke Energy has never explained the reason for the pipeline urban location.

Similar high-pressure pipelines are normally run in rural areas so when incidences happens life and property damage is minimized. The amount of pipeline failures has been increasing in the last few years and the increase has been highest with newly installed pipelines.

The PUCO mission statement states:
Monitoring and enforcing compliance with rules and statutory protections against deceptive, unfair, unsafe and anti-competitive, utility practices.

This Central Corroder Pipelines proposed placement are in a very dangerous location and very unsafe in regard to life safety and is a big concern to the residents of Cincinnati. Human safety and Property were not addressed when this decision was made. The probability of an incident is very high since, in the urban environment there is a high need to open existing utility paths, one incident of a backhoe digging in the existing path of the high pressure line cold mean the loss of life and property. This is happened every day with distribution lines, which are low pressure, and still are life threading, imagine what it would be like with high pressure.

In 2017 one of the selected Natural Gas Pipe lines was 98 ft from my home. That was what got my attention and started my involvement in opposing the Central Pipeline Extension. Later after a NOPE APP came out I found out that my family survival time estimate would be less than 10 to 15 seconds, if an incident were to happen near my home. The pipeline near my home was not selected but I felt my responsibility was to support the people whose home and life would be put in danger as my home and family's life were. See for NOPE APP: (<https://nopecincy.org/pipeline-failure-app/>)

At the last OPSB Citizens Public Hearing I testified on my concerns of the locations and the liability that Duke Energy is taking on. I was felt insulted that not one member of the OPSB attended the hearing. They sent the staff who were only to record the testimony and could not answer any questions. One of the State Senators was very disturbed since he was assured that there were to be OPSB members at the meeting.

At this hearing I would expect to see people from the OPSB board as well as the staff.


I don't know if the OPSB members realize the liability they are taking on. One major incident, and if lives and property are lost, lots of questions are going to be asked and the main one will be, who allowed this to happen and why the route was selected.

Duke Energy never showed the alternate routes that were reviewed and rejected and the reason for the rejection.

In the past it is assumed that the OPSB would just rubber stamp the Utility Company request, but this is not that kind of easy decision. The public expects a thorough objective assessment. Remember you, (OPSB) are there to protect the public from the over reach of the utility companies.

The board needs to conduct a thorough assessment with an emphasis on whether Duke has adequately demonstrated need for a new pipeline and whether their proposed 20"/500 psi pipeline is the most responsible, financially prudent and effective solution to address Duke's stated need.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.



Matthew D. Mercurio
6206 Fairhurst Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45213

tp970a@gmail.com

CC: Brittney Colvin

March 16, 2019

Mary Mertz, Director OH DNR
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Columbus, OH 43229

Reference case number 16-0253-GA-BTX, Duke Energy proposed Central Corridor Pipeline

Dear Ms. Mertz,

My name is Denise Conroy and I am a resident of Evendale, Ohio. My home is located off Glendale Milford Road, which is a proposed Green pipeline route for Duke's Central Corridor Pipeline.

As a member of the Ohio Power Siting Board, you are in a position to assure that Duke's application (Ref# 16-0253-GA_BTX) is critically and carefully reviewed. As you have stated in June of 2018, you cannot lose sight of the fact that what YOU do affects everyone in Ohio.

I will highlight some of the key points regarding Duke's application and why I request the Ohio Power Siting Board to reject BOTH Duke's proposed routes.

My first point is regarding the seemingly lack of discipline to the OPSB process. The lack of full disclosure to the public and the poor level of due diligence by Duke, the OPSB staff and the OPSB. The OPSB staff failed to conduct a thorough, independent investigation of assertions and information included in Duke's application. We cannot rely on the accuracy and completeness of Duke's application to investigate and evaluate the proposed need and routes. Duke quite naturally is putting forth only data that supports their efforts and interests. Please encourage the OPSB staff to seek additional data and information from sources outside of Duke's application.

On June 15, 2017, the OPSB held a Public Hearing. No members of the OPSB were present at that public hearing. Did you or any of your members watch the hours of testimony objecting to Duke's Central Corridor Pipeline? If you have not watched the testimony, I encourage you to do so and also to attend the next Public Hearing scheduled for March 21, 2019. It is critical that we all use data and inputs from all sources!

My second point addresses the need for a new route and right of way. Duke has clearly stated the need and plan to replace/upgrade Line A in the near future. Since they already have a right-of-way along Line A and will be incurring the expense of construction along Line A, why not install parallel lines to reduce construction cost, reduce impact to the environment and communities. Decreased demand and decreased population in the area served by this proposed pipeline do not support the need for the proposed Central Corridor Pipeline.

My third point addresses the probable environmental impact. Throughout the Duke documents and the OPSB staff report there are numerous inconsistencies, errors and omissions regarding environmental impact. Duke has not addressed the risk to the Mill Creek watershed, the risk associated with the proposed line intersecting the Line A pipeline or the risk associated with close proximity to numerous gas station underground tanks.

My fourth point is regarding the economic impact to individuals along the proposed pipeline routes. Residents will lose mature trees and foliage during the construction of the pipeline, as Duke requires up to 80 feet of clearance to construct the pipeline. In addition, Duke will require 30 feet of permanent clearance once the pipeline is installed. Homeowners will be impacted with decreased home values resulting from the removal of trees and landscaping to the property along the pipeline.

My fifth point is regarding the overall community impact of the proposed pipeline routes. The citizens, taxpayers, Duke Customers and communities along these routes have NOT been convinced of the need, benefit, environmental impact or the safety of these pipeline routes. We believe Duke's 30 foot wide permanent right-of-way and construction workspace of up to 80 feet wide will have significant environmental and personal economic impact. Duke, the OPSB and the OPSB staff have not considered public safety in the evaluation of the proposed pipeline. We have walked these routes, and observed the number of homes, businesses, parks, churches, medical facilities and schools that would be impacted and put at risk due to the proposed pipeline. The OPSB Staff report clearly states that "The project would result in both temporary and permanent impacts to the project area." Yet the OPSB Staff reports seems to find it acceptable to choose what is in their minds the lesser of the two evils.

In summary, there are numerous areas of this project that require deeper due diligence and better understanding of the impact on our communities. We ask that the OPSB reject BOTH pipeline routes as submitted in the application documents.

Sincerely yours,

Denise Conroy
Denise Conroy

3810 Sherbrooke Dr.
Cincinnati, OH 45241

CC: Brittney Colvin

Grace Severyn
9419 Bluewing Terrace
Blue Ash, OH 45241

Ms. Mary Mertz
2045 Morse Road, Bldg. D-3
Columbus, OH 43229

Please!

March 14, 2019

RE: **Case Number 16-0253-GA-BTX**, Duke Energy's Central Corridor Pipeline Proposal

Dear Ms. Mertz:

PLEASE attend the OPSB's Public Hearing next Thursday, March 21 on the matter of the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension, Case Number 16-0253-GA-BTX, in Blue Ash, Ohio.

The last OPSB public hearing on the matter of the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension took place on June 15, 2017. **NOT ONE VOTING MEMBER from the Ohio Power Siting Board bothered to attend.** This dereliction of duty sent a rather clear message that OSB members at that time did not intend to give any real consideration to the public interest.

We are not talking about opposition from a few "not in my backyard" residents. There is overwhelming public outcry from the community as a whole. There is, in fact, strong opposition by the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, as well as the communities of Amberley, Blue Ash, Columbia Township, Deer Park, Evendale, Golf Manor, Madeira, Pleasant Ridge, Reading, and Sycamore Township!

As a legislative member of the OPSB, please attend the hearing on March 21 so you can appreciate the reasons for serious, widespread, and long-standing public opposition to the pipeline extension. I listened to 7 hours of testimony during the last public hearing -- ranging from well-informed factual and technical analysis of need and alternatives to the pipeline to 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.

PLEASE attend to hear why the proposed pipeline is NOT NECESSARY -- less intrusive alternatives exist -- and how horrendously offensive Duke's proposal is to the vast majority of residents of Hamilton County. PLEASE DO NOT ABANDON YOUR NEIGHBORS TO THE SOUTH!!!

With sincere and humble pleas for your help,


Grace A. Severyn

Hunter, Donielle

From: Ohio Power Siting Board <contactopsb@puc.state.oh.us>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 4:43 PM
To: Puco Docketing
Subject: comment 16-0253-GA-BTX [ref:_00Dt0GzXt._500t0GJXLA:ref]

From: Scott Minor [<mailto:cincatt22@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 8:23 PM

To: Mihalik, Lydia <Lydia.Mihalik@development.ohio.gov>; Acton, Amy <Amy.Acton@odh.ohio.gov>; Stevenson, Laurie <Laurie.Stevenson@epa.ohio.gov>; Mertz, Mary <Mary.Mertz@dnr.state.oh.us>

Subject: Re: Case# 16-253-GA-BTX

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:

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Sincerely,

Scott Minor

Reading Ohio resident

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Hunter, Donielle

From: Michael Yonkura <contactthepuco@puc.state.oh.us>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 4:06 PM
To: Puco Docketing
Subject: PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO - CASE #: 00263786 [ref:_00Dt0GzXt._500t0GJX0C:ref]



**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
Consumer Service Division
Memorandum**

CASE ID: 00263786

COMPANY:

CUSTOMER: Ethan Boger

ADDRESS: 9779 Troon Ct, Blue Ash, Ohio 45241

SERVICE ADDRESS: 9779 Troon Ct, Blue Ash, Ohio 45241

AIQ: Duke Energy Ohio

NIQ:

To ensure your response attaches to the appropriate case, please reply to this email without changing the subject line. Thank you!

DOCKETING CASE #: 16-0253-GA-BTX

SUBJECT: Duke Energy Ohio - Regarding PUCO

Please docket the following comments in the case number above.

Another gas pipeline explosion due to excavation damage in an urban environment. 1 dead, 17 injured in downtown Durham explosion. This was a 2-inch pipeline. What would be the consequence of a rupture of a 20-inch 500-psi pipeline?

Sincerely,

Michael Yonkura

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Service Monitoring and Enforcement Department

Customer Service Assistant

(800) 686-PUCO (7826)

www.PUCO.ohio.gov

This message and any response to it may constitute a public record and thus may be publicly available to anyone who requests it.

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Hunter, Donielle

From: Ohio Power Siting Board <contactopsb@puc.state.oh.us>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 3:42 PM
To: Puco Docketing
Subject: comment 16-0253 [ref:_00Dt0GzXt._500t0GJQ8O:ref]

The Ohio Power Siting Board

180 East Broad Street

Columbus,
Ohio 43215

April 8, 2019

RE: Duke Energy's Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project proposal

Case Number 16-0253-GA-BTX

Dear Ms. Mary Mertz, Director OH EPA:

My name is Lois Borisch. My husband, Don, and I live at 12003 Eaglescout Court, Cincinnati, 45249.

We live approximately 650 feet from where the proposed Duke Energy pipeline will be by Conrey Road. My dear friend lives even closer.

I am vehemently opposed to the plans of Duke Energy to put a 20"/500 psi pipeline in the ground at this location.

1. I do not see that Duke has adequately demonstrated a need for a transmission gas pipeline of this size for the Hamilton County needs. This area's population remains lower than it was in 1960 even with a slight uptick in growth in the last few years. In the rare case of extra need, the propane air peaking plants still have widely used technology. This definitely does not seem to be for the good of the people here, but more for Duke's interest in transmitting gas for their profit. Also, there should be a thorough and objective assessment of the case Duke is presenting. There should be other alternatives to this extreme plan.

2. I will now introduce the human safety aspect of this. I have heard that Duke does not have to really consider human safety. This, if true, is reprehensible. Human safety should be a primary consideration of a proposed pipeline. The proposed 2 routes go through heavily populated areas – homes, schools, businesses, places of worship, and hospitals. I, personally, live way too close for comfort to the proposed pipeline. **If an accident would happen, I live in the danger zone!!!** (According to data from the Pipeline Association for Public Awareness, you should be at least 1,000 feet from a 20"/500psi pipeline at the time of a serious failure.) My neighbor's child attends Stewart School in the Princeton School District which is located on Conrey Road! This school is also in the danger zone!!! If there would be a gas leak, things like cell phones and school announcement systems should not be used. Pipelines of the size of 20"/500 psi have been put in areas of the country where they are not in populated areas. In some areas where urban sprawl has grown up around large pipelines, there have been explosions in the past injuring and killing people. Also, do we know how long this pipeline would be in the ground? With all the construction – tearing down and building up that will happen in such a populated area -- how does anyone know what might rupture a pipeline in the future? Would Duke be responsible for anything happening now or in the future?

3. More thoughts on how it can negatively affect me and others, also, financially. Some of the cost of this proposed project will be passed on to us consumers without receiving much of a benefit. Many landowners will have construction done on their land and will have restrictions on what they can do on their property. And, also, very importantly, -- if the proposed pipeline were built **it would very negatively affect the value of our homes because of the safety concerns!!!**

So, the proposed Duke Pipeline is not proved to be needed and will very negatively affect us. Thank you for your consideration of my points of concern.

Please vote **NO** on Duke Energy's Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project.

Sincerely,

Lois Borisch

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Hunter, Donielle

From: Ohio Power Siting Board <contactopsb@puc.state.oh.us>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 3:31 PM
To: Puco Docketing
Subject: comment # 16-0253-GA-BTX [ref:_00Dt0GzXt._500t0GJQ7Q:ref]

Dear Ms. Mertz,

I am writing in opposition to Duke's proposed Central Corridor Pipeline Extension (Case #16-0253-GA-BTX)

Here is a link to a March webinar (sponsored by ICF, an energy consulting company) on non-pipeline gas solutions:
https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgo.icf.com%2FEnergy-NPS-Webinar-2019-03-28-OnDemand%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dmarketo%26utm_campaign%3D1629-NPSGasUtilities%26&data=02%7C01%7Cmary.mertz%40dnr.state.oh.us%7C1f1b8aec32734fdc51b008d6bd142d1a%7C50f8fcc494d84f0784eb36ed57c7c8a2%7C0%7C636904291691060429&data=93b6rz4fCsYj0nhfCWdwIZvynXM2bSgyUun9tTOOcM8%3D&reserved=0

Utility companies and regulators in many areas are following a trend to look at innovative ways of delivering gas for peak demand without investing in a large fossil fuel infrastructure project.

I just read Duke's new "fact" sheet regarding the central Corridor Pipeline, and I wonder why in all the information from Duke that there is never a reference to non- pipeline solutions, as other utility companies are embracing? Eastern utility companies like Con Ed and National Grid are responding to their regulators and the national trend to lower the carbon footprint by looking at innovative solutions to peak natural gas demand shortages. Responsible companies seem to realize that investing in an infrastructure designed to last 50-70 years is not the way to go when the natural gas market (at least in the US) will be significantly less robust within 10-15 years.

Why is Duke, and indeed the OPSB, behind the curve here? And why insist on this overkill of infrastructure when the public is so clearly opposed? Surely someone at Duke and the OPSB can join other innovators in coming up with a non-pipeline solution. If Duke has no interest in this, then one might question why they really want this pipeline. I urge you to deny Duke's present proposal.

Sincerely,

Ann Chisko
Cincinnati, OH

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Hunter, Donielle

From: Ohio Power Siting Board <contactpsb@puc.state.oh.us>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 11:23 AM
To: Puco Docketing
Subject: public comment 16-0253 [ref:_00Dt0GzXt._500t0GJOe9:ref]

I am opposed to the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension project in Hamilton County as proposed. The case number is 16-253-GA-BTX. I do not believe that Duke Energy has adequately shown that the new pipeline is needed. Could it be that they are really just trying to grow their business as a natural gas transmission company?

I am asking that you please closely review the proposal that Duke Energy has presented to see if they have demonstrated that their Hamilton County customers do indeed require the huge amounts of natural gas this pipeline will provide. It is my understanding that the additional supply is not necessary since the natural gas demands in the area are actually predicted to fall in the coming years.

There certainly are safety concerns too. According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (Division of Geological Survey), "[t]he Cincinnati area has one of the highest per-capita costs due to landslide damage of any city in the United States." Also, if you compare the diabolical plan to bomb the World Trade Center in New York City using our own commercial jets against us, a terrorist's gaining access to a backhoe or excavator to damage the huge pipeline to cause a catastrophic explosion seems relatively simple.

If you do eventually ascertain that the pipeline is needed, I request that you determine that the planned route(s) for that pipeline are the safest for people and the environment. It doesn't seem logical that the ideal route would pass through densely populated, established neighborhoods with numerous businesses, schools and even mature trees which can never be replaced. Perhaps there is a better course the pipeline could take -- it might be a longer path, but a more sensible one for the vast majority of people who are being affected by the current plan.

As a member of the Ohio Power Siting Board, I urge you to attend the public hearing so that you can listen to the concerns of the citizens. This will give you the opportunity to hear firsthand about the facts concerning why the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension is not needed as proposed. The hearing is Thursday, March 21, in Muntz Hall at the University of Cincinnati - Blue Ash.

Please give this case a thorough and objective evaluation. Ensure that a 20-inch, 500 psi pipeline is the most responsible, financially prudent and effective solution to address Duke Energy's stated claim.

Thank you,

Steve Frisby

This message and any response to it may constitute a public record and thus may be publicly available to anyone who requests it...

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From: Ohio Power Siting Board <contactopsb@puc.state.oh.us>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 11:06 AM
To: Puco Docketing
Subject: comment 16-0253-GA-BTX [ref:_00Dt0GzXt._500t0GJR8K:ref]

It is my understanding that there is a committee considering a gas pipeline to run through Evendale and Blue Ash directly up Glendale-Milford Road! This is a potentially dangerous situation and shows disregard for public safety, as this corridor is highly populated! Additionally it serves not benefit to the immediate neighborhood!

Within less then 50 feet of this proposed pipeline in The Village of Evendale, you pass Evendale Elementary School placing approximately 250 children at risk! Within 100' of this proposed pipeline lies the First Responders needed in case of an emergency, both the Evendale Police and the Evendale Fire Department! A pipeline near this location would be irresponsible.

Summit Park in Blue Ash is a lovely new facility directly on Glendale Milford Road and at times there are thousands of people attending concerts and events.

Please take the time to understand that there are other alternatives, to this pipeline. Basically the decision becomes a matter of money and not caring about the common good!

Most Sincerely,
Donna Carnevale
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Ohio Department of Natural Resources

MIKE DeWINE, GOVERNOR

MARY MERTZ, DIRECTOR

April 9, 2019

Jeff and Roberta Seebohm
3344 Braewood Drive
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Seebohm,

Thank you for your letter advocating against the construction of the Duke Energy natural gas pipeline, designated as case number 16-0253-GA-BTX by the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB). I appreciate the opportunity to receive your comments and assure you I consider all opinions on this issue with great care.

The staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, at the request of the OPSB, conducted an investigation into the merits of Duke Energy's application. A report containing staff findings and recommendations was published on May 21, 2017 for OPSB consideration. Staff coordinated its investigation among the agencies represented on the OPSB and other interested agencies, such as the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Ohio Historic Preservation Office, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Throughout the application process, many concerned citizens have shared and continue to share comments on pipeline safety, basis of need, and route selection. In response, Duke Energy submitted information to the staff at their request with regards to items of public interest, convenience, and necessity, including noise, aesthetics, environmental concerns, social and economic impacts, long-term natural gas supply, and health and safety considerations. Based on the comments and information received, the staff recommended thirty-six conditions become part of any certificate issued for the proposed facility. Please keep in mind that the staff report is only a recommendation, and the final decision regarding the proposed facility remains pending before the OPSB.

I am sharing your correspondence with the Ohio Power Siting Board and asking that it be filed as an official record in the public comments under case number 16-0253-GA-BTX.

As a member of the Board, I value your feedback and participation in this process. I appreciate and share your passion and commitment to the safety and protection of fellow Ohioans and our landscape. My staff and I will keep your comments in mind as we continue with our thorough review of this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary C. Mertz".

Mary C. Mertz
Director

cc: contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov

DATE

Dear Mary Mertz

We are writing concerning the proposed pipeline that is slated to go through our community of Evendale.

The pipeline would be placed close to our home. Pipeline explosions around the country prove that even the most well-designed transmission lines aren't immune to accidents, negligence & weak oversight.

Duke requires up to 80 ft of clearance to construct the pipeline, meaning that entire yards & trees would need to be removed or dug up.

Duke will also raise our energy bills in an area that already pays the highest rates in the state for natural gas. The construction process will disrupt local business & affect the value of our homes.

Duke insists the pipeline is necessary but what they are requesting far exceeds what is needed for our community.

Please insist upon an independent & thorough evaluation of Duke's application, basis & need for alternatives.

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Please do not allow this company to put the safety of our community in jeopardy.

Thank you for your consideration. Jeff Butler Suborn
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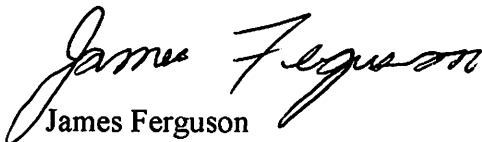
Ms. Amy Acton M.D.,

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Ferguson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

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April 3, 2019

Amy Acton, M.D.
Interim Director OH Dept of Health
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Reference: OPSB case number 16-0253-GA-BTX

Dear Amy Acton, M.D.,

I write this letter in regard to the proposed 500 psi gas main that Duke Energy is proposing to install in the Evendale Ohio area adjacent to my place of employment at Kinetic Vision.

I started working at Kinetic Vision in 1998 as a Co-Op engineering student from the University of Cincinnati. At that time, I had more than 10 engineering job offers that ranged from various Fortune 500 companies located everywhere from coast to coast. I choose to work at Kinetic Vision based on three key items: The employees, the customers, and the location. I was born and raised in the great state of Ohio and working at Kinetic Vision allowed me to continue to live and work in this great state. Fast forward 21 years, Kinetic Vision has grown to over 140 employees and has become a world leader in providing engineering consulting and I have become the Vice President of Engineering. Over the years I have had the ability to recruit, hire, and train over 70 full-time engineers that are also proud to live and work in this great state. These engineers are not only my co-workers, I consider them my family!



Speaking of family, I have been beyond blessed to find the love of my life, marry her, and start a wonderful family. I have been happily married for 16 years to my wife Jill and have two wonderful children Jodie and James. They are everything to me and I cannot imagine not being with them and there to support them.



With regards to the proposed pipeline, I have researched the potential safety concerns and am **shocked** to see that the pipeline is being considered to be placed at such close proximity to businesses and residents of the city of Evendale. This proposed 500 psi gas line will be within 25 feet of my Kinetic Vision family, putting all of our lives in daily risk and fear. This risk and fear is now something that my personal family and the families of my Kinetic Vision family have to worry about on a daily basis.

I ask if whether the location of this pipeline can be reconsidered to a safer location and or if it is truly necessary. I thank you for reading this letter and for considering the families that will be impacted by this pipeline.

Sincerely,

James Topich
Vice President of Engineering
Kinetic Vision

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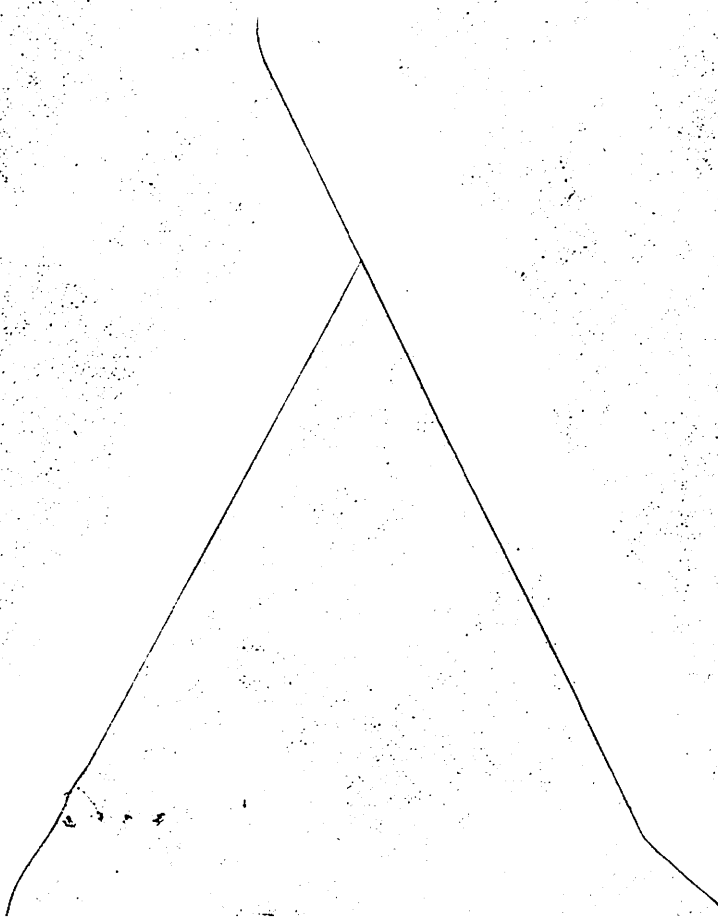
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April 4, 2019

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Dear Amy Acton, M.D.,
I am writing in reference to case number 16-0253-GA-BTX. I have great concerns about the need, location, and safety of the proposed pipeline.

I have attended informational meetings, presentations, and an open house hosted by Duke about the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project since early 2016. I have taken time to listen to Duke and educate myself on this topic. During this time, Duke has not made it clear that there is a need for the transmission line to provide service for this region. The current service in this area is more than sufficient. The transmission line will not benefit the Duke customers in this region.

But instead, it poses a significant risk to the residents, employees, and visitors near the proposed pipeline. Placing a large natural gas transmission line in a densely populated area is irresponsible. IF there is a defined need for the transmission pipeline, it should be placed in a rural area away from businesses, homes, places of worship, and schools. Safety is a big concern due to the size and pressure of the proposed pipeline. Are you willing to take on the risk and liability of approving this pipeline? Accidents happen, the risk is real.

I am concerned about the pipeline from both personal and professional aspects. One of the proposed routes would be less than 50' feet from Kinetic Vision, my place of employment in Evendale, Ohio. My family is concerned about the location and my safety in case of a leak or explosion. Professionally, I am the Manager of Operations for Kinetic Vision and employees have directly expressed great concern as well.

I oppose the proposed pipeline. I ask that the Governor DeWine and the Ohio Power Siting Board oppose this transmission line as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Catherine Bennett

Catherine Bennett
Manager of Operations, Kinetic Vision
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Amy Acton, M.D., Interim Director OH Dept. of Health,

I recently purchased my home at 815 Third St., Reading, Ohio. I have resided at 815 Third St. for 3 years. My home is 122 years old and was in need of repair. After much money, time and effort was put into it, I learned of the Pipeline. I recently attended a meeting only to learn the Pipeline was coming right down through the boulevard in front of my home, basically, my front yard. I also learned at this meeting, Hamilton County does not NEED this PIPELINE. Other residents in attendance were the ones to speak of this. The 4 Duke Representatives didn't have anything to say, other than to state their name and address. The Siting Committee did not even show up. Nor did they show up at the last public meeting. How concerned are they? Why would they be concerned? The Pipeline isn't going through their front yard!!! It is no deadly threat to their family!!!

This Pipeline needs to be stopped!!! It is environmentally a menace! It can potentially destroy families, schools, nursing homes and other businesses. It would definitely kill people!!! There is nowhere to run!!! All it would take is one small mistake by one contractor. It is possible!!!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

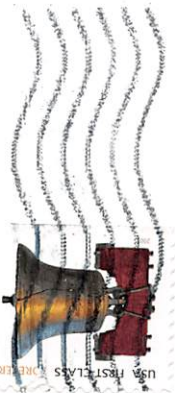
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Judith A. Saylor

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