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Docketing,

Please file the attachments in case 16-0253-GA-BTX.

Thank you,
SMED

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From: Binkley, Joel [joel.binkley@odh.ohio.gov]
Sent: 6/18/2019 3:36 PM
To: contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov
Subject: Letters from ODH Regarding Duke Energy Central Corridor Pipeline

Please find attached the letters that the Ohio Department of Health has received regarding OPSB Case Number 16-0253-GA-BTX. Per instructions, we are forwarding these to you to be docketed in the case. ODH responded to each of these indicating they would be forwarded on to you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Joel T. Binkley

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To: Amy Acton, MD, Member, Ohio Power Siting Board

From: Miriam Warshauer Cohen

84 Carpenters Ridge

Blue Ash, Ohio 45241

I am writing to inform you and other members of the Ohio Power Siting Board of my extreme concern about the human and financial impact of a proposed Duke Energy project that may result in a high-pressure gas transmission pipeline through my neighborhood.

I live, walk, drive and shop less than a mile from both proposed routes of the pipeline. My neighbors send their children to schools along the routes. There are medical facilities, shops, gas stations, parks and playfields along the routes. We all know that residents and contractors are not entirely reliable about checking before they dig to plant trees, repair foundations and parking lots, install decorative fixtures such as fountains or commercial signs in residential or commercial areas. Even the utility companies that have worked in my neighborhood tend to make errors, damaging the lines of other utilities. Such an error in the case of a high-pressure gas pipeline could be a huge life-threatening disaster! We have been told that your commission is only concerned about nature and land use, such as trees. Please, also think about people!

We are also very concerned about the property value of our fine homes and businesses. A dangerous pipeline passing through the densely populated and commercially active areas of my lovely suburban city, Blue Ash, could frighten away home buyers, apartment renters and commercial development. That's a devastating blow to residents and business owners.

Please help us stop this unnecessary project that will endanger the citizens of Hamilton County!

Sincerely yours,

Miriam Warshauer Cohen
P.A. Please I am so concerned
MWC

March 16, 2019

Amy Acton, MD, Interim Director OH Dept of Health
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Columbus, OH 43215

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

Dear Dr. Acton,

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 of 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.

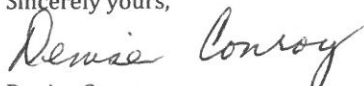
My third point addresses the probable environmental impact. Throughout the Duke documents and the OPSB staff report there are numerous inconsistencies, errors and omissions regarding environmental impact. Duke has not addressed the risk to the Mill Creek watershed, the risk associated with the proposed 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

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Amy Acton, M.D., MPH
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May 29, 2019

Dear Director Acton:

On September 10, 2010, as families in the Crestmoor neighborhood of San Bruno, California, sat down to dinner, a blast so strong it hurled a 3,000-lb. section of steel pipe a hundred feet through the air changed life in the San Francisco suburb forever. The fireball that erupted a thousand feet into the sky that evening burned several people alive, leaving eight dead and 51 injured. Thirty-eight homes were destroyed, 70 others heavily damaged. First responders and the media believed at first that a large jetliner had crashed. Fire fighters were held at bay for an hour by the intense heat. It took them nearly an hour to discover that a high-pressure natural gas transmission line had exploded.

After dashing from their homes in the chaos that followed, first to see what had happened, then to run for their lives, residents returning when all the fires had finally been put out found almost three city blocks of houseless chimneys towering over a sea of ash.

A recent *Wall Street Journal* review found that there were 1,400 pipeline spills and accidents in the U.S. from 2010 to 2013 alone. Four in every five pipeline accidents were discovered by local residents, not the companies owning the lines. **From 1994 through 2013, the U.S. had 855 serious incidents involving natural gas transmission and distribution, causing 319 fatalities and 1,254 injuries, with more than half a billion dollars in property damage.** None, thankfully, has been as serious as the San Bruno disaster. That's a catastrophe waiting to happen.

Pacific Gas and Electric, the utility company that owned the gas line, was indicted on 27 federal criminal counts for repeatedly violating the federal Pipeline Safety Act; fined \$1.6 billion by the California Public Utilities Commission, the largest penalty ever levied against a California utility; and inundated with hundreds of lawsuits filed by blast victims who suffered injuries and lost family members or homes.

Yet despite this litany of criminal and ethical wrongdoing, one thing PG&E *cannot* be blamed for is laying this extremely dangerous, ultimately lethal pipeline through an existing residential community. The line was laid before most homes in the area were built, and most residents didn't even know it was there. **That colossal error in judgment, lack of concern for public safety, or flagrant act of corporate greed is the brainchild of another public utility, Duke Energy, the \$120 billion company headquartered in Charlotte, NC. The**

company operates 250 miles of high pressure natural gas pipelines in Ohio and Kentucky and wants to add a new line right through the center of Hamilton County.

On Friday April 13th, 2018 – a particularly inauspicious Friday the 13th – Duke submitted supplemental documents (OTSB **case number 16-253-GA-BTX**) to the Ohio Power Siting Board to their original application in 2016 for a high-pressure 20-inch natural gas pipeline in greater Cincinnati through 19 communities and Cincinnati neighborhoods, with a combined population of over 700,000 people.

As you probably know, Duke was requesting the OPSB to resume approval proceedings that have dragged out at least partly due to discovery of a Super Fund site near one of the two proposed routes. (The original application was for a 30-inch transmission line; it was reduced in size after an initial public outcry that Duke may or may not have anticipated. Some local residents believe the “concession” was planned from the beginning.)

The suburban neighborhoods affected by Duke’s two proposed routes (reduced from three initially) include:

- More than 40 public and private schools plus the Univ. of Cincinnati, Blue Ash
- 8 hospitals and 5 nursing homes
- More than 40 churches and synagogues
- The premier shopping mall in greater Cincinnati
- As well as many businesses, with well over 100,000 employees, including GE Aviation and a Ford Motor Co. transmission plant.

If the proposal is approved as it stands, it would be the largest pipeline project ever approved at the state level, according to Matt Butler, public outreach manager for the Siting Board. Laying a high-pressure gas pipeline through existing communities like this *has never been done before*.

Keep in mind that this is not just another gas main or service line distributing gas to homes and businesses. What Duke calls the Central Corridor Extension is a high-pressure 500 psi pipeline 20 inches in diameter – similar to the 30-inch line that destroyed nearly three city blocks in San Bruno. In other words, it’s a *transmission* line, part of a nationwide high-pressure, high-capacity system for transporting natural gas thousands of miles across the country from processing facilities to local distribution networks. Extremely high pressure must be used to keep the gas flowing.

Although local and county governments have no authority in the matter, Duke’s proposal has been formally opposed by the city councils of Cincinnati and many of the communities involved; by Hamilton County commissioners; by State Representative Jonathan Dever; and by residents, business owners and school boards and administrations all along the route. Duke will seek property easements requiring land to be completely cleared of all trees and landscaping for up to 100 feet, with pipe laid three to four feet underground.

Duke's claim that the routes it has proposed to the Siting Board are the best among 200 originally considered is very hard to believe. And if it *is* true, what in the world were their criteria? Public safety and human lives couldn't have been their primary consideration. In fact, as you know, as absurd as it sounds to ordinary intelligent citizens, safety to human lives is *not* one of the criteria the OTSB has to consider in regard to Duke's proposal.

Another Duke claim that strains credulity is that the pipeline is "being designed in order to increase the reliability and dependability of the natural gas delivery system in the area." But a 20-inch diameter pipeline supplying natural gas at 400 psi is enough for two million homes, while Duke has only 500,000 customer accounts in Ohio and Kentucky combined. Those opposed to the pipeline are very skeptical of Duke's less than transparent long-range plans. Some think it will ultimately be part of some non-local network such as an interstate transmission system to transport gas from northeast Ohio fracking operations all the way to the Gulf Coast.

Duke's proposed 12-mile line is an extension of a pipeline constructed in 2003 to provide gas transmission from cross-country pipelines to northern Hamilton County. As planned, it would connect with an existing regulator station just north of the county and run through 19 heavily populated northern suburbs of Cincinnati to an existing pipeline at the south end of the line.

Arguments against the pipeline have ranged from the obvious public safety problems if there were an explosion, to the loss of property values and damage to the environment and the local economy. For example, Reading, one of the communities affected, expressed concern about losing a major development grant because of the hazard the pipeline would entail. Hamilton County Commissioner Todd Portune, one of many government officials against the pipeline, is pushing for Duke to inform any property owner within 2,000 feet, almost half a mile, from the pipeline. This is roughly the "blast zone" for a pipe of this size, outlined by a nonprofit organization known as the Pipeline Association for Public Awareness.

The blast zone is also termed an "incineration zone." When a 30-inch pipeline exploded in rural Salem, PA, in April of this year it sparked a fire that left a man whose home was 500 yards from the explosion, critically burned over much of his body – not from flames but from radiant heat alone. **"The heat was so intense it was burning him as he was running away,"** said Bob Rosatti, chief of the Forbes Road Fire Department. **"I parked a quarter mile away and I couldn't get out of my truck because it was that hot."** This was a house five football fields from the blast. Try to imagine the catastrophe that will ensue when (*not* "if") a similar explosion occurs in one of the densely populated residential neighborhoods Duke is seeking your permission to invade with their *unnecessary* pipeline. **Will it be children, hospital patients, or the elderly in nursing homes trapped in an inferno that firefighters can't rescue them from?**

"This is not a 'not in my backyard' issue," declares Elizabeth Rueve-Miller, one of the founders of NOPE, a local grassroots organization, Neighborhoods Opposing Pipeline Extension. "This is a 'not in *anyone's* backyard' issue." The local Sierra Club agrees. At an informal open house held by Duke in June 2016, club members passed out a flyer likening the pipeline to "a continuous oil train moving huge quantities with potentially catastrophic consequences." Duke has already been cited by OSHA for not following workplace safety regulations and fined for a gas explosion in Lebanon, OH. North Carolina has fined Duke on multiple occasions for spilling waste into waterways.

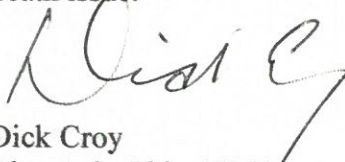
But "this is not about demonizing Duke," said Councilman P.G. Sittenfeld, who authored the resolution of opposition signed by the Cincinnati City Council to fight Duke's current options in any way possible. "We appreciate them as a major employer and business in our community. But we have a **higher expectation of them that has not yet been met.**" The community, he said, has let Duke "know that they are trying to fit a square peg into a round hole – or rather, trying to force a massive and potentially dangerous pipeline onto densely populated residential neighborhoods."

Blue Ash resident Glenn Rosen, a founder of NOPE, said, "It's too big. It's got way too much pressure. It's intended to *transmit* gas, not distribute gas to anybody nearby here." He began organizing his neighbors in February 2016 to fight Duke's proposal. "This belongs in a rural area where there are not a lot of people."

Another Blue Ash resident, agreed. "What I'm saying is, circumvent. Why go through Hamilton County? Why go through the city center when we can go around? Go into rural counties where we won't have to train a massive amount of first responders. Accidents happen, 20-30 years from now. These pipelines have life expectancies."

Yes, it could possibly be that long before history repeats itself in a San Bruno-like holocaust in northern Cincinnati. If so you would no longer be serving on the OPSB. But do you really wish to gamble on making this extraordinary miscarriage of justice, human decency and common sense your legacy?

Thank you for reading this letter and my plea for your heartfelt consideration of this life and death issue.



Dick Croy
Blue Ash, Ohio 45241

March 17, 201


Case #: 16-0253-GA-BTX

Dear Ms. Amy Acton, M.D., Interim Director OH Dept. of Health,

I am opposed to the Central Corridor Pipeline. It is dangerous to people and it is unnecessary.

Please request an objective assessment of Duke's case with concern for human safety. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



Patricia Y. Dilbert
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Reading, Ohio 45215

Green Line Resident

March 18, 2019

Governor Mike DeWine

**M. Beth Trombold, PUCO Chair
Lydia Milhalik, Director OH Developmental Services
Amy Acton, MD, Interim Director OH Dept of Health
Dorothy Pelanda, Director OH Dept of Agriculture
Laurie Stevenson, Director OH EPA
Mary Mertz, Director OH DNR**

**Attn: Governor Mike DeWine and members of the OPSB;
ref. Case #16-253-GA-BTX**

I am a member of NOPE and a long time resident of Blue Ash living at Sycamore Trace neighborhood.

The two proposed high pressure gas pipelines, would be going thru residential neighborhoods, hospitals, schools, parks, municipal buildings, shopping malls, medical offices, and other high population areas.

The pipeline would not only be dangerous to the areas that it is installed, but the blast zone could affect anyone within approximately 1/3 mile.

Duke Energy prefers the orange route, which will go down Blue Ash Rd., across Montgomery-Kenwood area, and affect Mercy Jewish Hosp., Kenwood Towne Center, several medical offices, etc..

The OPSB prefers the green route, which will be in close proximity to Summit Park in Blue Ash, an area where many families constantly enjoy the park and the children's activities. The pipeline will continue down Glendale-Milford Rd., affecting many residential properties, and then turn down Reading Rd. and be near the Marge Schott Boy Scouts Center, several homes, and businesses.

NEITHER ROUTE IS PREFERRED BY THE RESIDENTS WHO LIVE AND ENJOY THESE AREAS.

There have been multiple nationwide failures of this type of pipeline. It has been proven that the local areas in Hamilton County do not need the natural gas this pipeline would supply.

1. **Need not proven** - Duke has not provided sufficient evidence that a massive new pipeline is necessary to meet the needs of customers. Additionally, the Central Corridor Pipeline does not address Duke's stated need of "system balance".
2. **Inadequate investigation** - The recently released OPSB Staff Report was not an independent, in-depth evaluation of Duke's application, did not include an assessment of available alternatives for addressing Duke's "need", and failed to consider human safety as part of "public convenience" and "environment"..
3. **Safety not addressed** - Those who live or spend time near the pipeline routes have very valid concerns about the safety of Duke's transmission line through these High Consequence Areas. Pipelines fail all of the time and safety precautions are inadequate and unreliable, particularly in the context of this project. Finally, people are frustrated and angry that Duke and OPSB have trivialized concerns rather than addressing them.

In addition to the extreme safety hazards, there will be destruction of green space areas, wildlife, and decreasing property values. And all of us, will be paying for this massive, un-necessary project.

Since Duke Energy has not justified the need for this new pipeline, then where would the natural gas be used? The propane peak stations have been upgraded, so more natural gas would not be needed. Duke Energy has not addressed the safety concerns and proper monitoring of joints and valves.

I realize all of you are newly appointed members, and could be influenced by the power of Duke Energy staff. I would suggest that each one of you, take a look at the areas for the proposed pipeline. Drive by the schools, parks, hospitals, community centers, and homes along the route. Investigate the potential safety hazards, and the need for this massive pipeline.

**Then, you will realize what our concerns are, and
REJECT THIS GAS PIPELINE PROPOSAL.**

Thank you very much.

**Alvin Denenberg
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April 1st, 2019

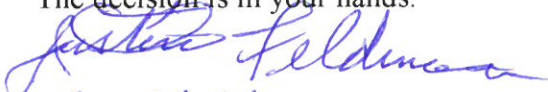

OPSB Case # 16-0253-GA-BTX
Duke's Green Route

Ann and Justin Feldman
1415 Market Street
Reading, OH 4521

Ms. Amy Acton, M.D.,

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 15, 2019

Case #: 16-0253-GA-B

Dear Ms. Amy Acton,

I am opposed to the pipeline. It is not necessary and it is dangerous. Additionally to install a pipeline of this size in a densely populated area is irresponsible. Every day we hear of pipeline failures. A failure in this pipeline would be very costly in terms of deaths and harm to people, property and businesses.

I live within 30 feet of the proposed green line and I feel Duke is playing Russian roulette with my life and property. Not only are they endangering my life, placing an economic burden on me and destroying my environment, they expect me to pay for it!

Please insist upon an independent and thorough evaluation of Duke's application, bases for need and available alternatives. Do not let Duke choose and/or pay for the third party auditor.

Thank you for any and all help you can give.

Sincerely,
Ann Feldman
Ann Feldman
1415 Market St
Reading, OH 45215
Green Line

March 15, 2019

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Sincerely,

Ann Feldman

Ann Feldman
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Reading, OH 45215

Green Line

March 26, 2019

Case # 16-0253-GA-BTX

Amy Acton, M.D.,

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



Justin and Ann Feldman

1415 Market Street

Reading, Ohio 45215

GREEN LINE

Green Line
March 17, 2019
Case # 16-0253-GA-BTX
Green line

Dear Amy Acton M.D., Interim Director OH Dept. of Health,

The route of the Duke Central Corridor Pipeline through Reading, Ohio makes no sense at all. It goes past Pristine, a Federal Superfund Site. Then (2) two potential grey fields, Dow/ PMC Chemical, a former Chemical Production Facility, and Rosemont Industries, a former metal plating, galvanizing, and powder coating facility. It passes our city stadium, the public pool, baseball and soccer fields, and our fieldhouse. Directly south begins a densely populated residential area. It then makes at least (7) seven 90 degree turns winding through residential streets while going 90 feet from (2) two gas stations, and past 130 homes and small businesses. This doesn't include all the homes and businesses that would be destroyed 3 to 4 blocks around the point of explosion. All this disruption and risk just to install this 20"x 500psi gas transmission line less than (1) one mile southward. This route looks more like a paving project than a pathway for a huge gas transmission line.

By Duke's own documents the vast majority of pipeline explosions are caused by third party contractor doing excavating work near a gas pipeline. In front of my home on Market St. there are already (6) six underground utility pipelines plus (4) four taps into every home. Most of these pipes are very old and subject to leakage. This is a maze of pipes that Duke wants to squeeze a 20"x 500psi gas transmission line into. The small City of Reading's water department reported 43 pipeline repairs in 2018.

When one of these aging pipelines develop a leak and the repairing backhoe operator accidentally punctures the Duke Transmission Line, how much death and destruction will you have caused by approving this line?

Please stop this routing, it belongs in a rural area, but first please make sure Duke's pipeline is even necessary.

Sincerely,



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March 25, 2019

Dear Director Acton,

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:

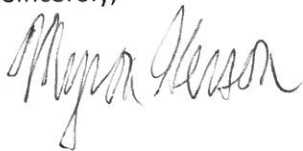
- 1) Duke Energy has not established a need for a 20", 500 psi gas transmission line for the needs of the citizens of Hamilton County. The population of Hamilton County has decreased by 12% since 1970. Replacement of a functioning, recently refurbished backup propane facility, for which future upgrades 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 cursive script, appearing to read "Myron Gerson".

Myron C. Gerson MD

April 2, 2019

Dear Ms. Acton, M.D., Interim Director Dept of Health,

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.

Barbara and Allan Karol

Barbara Karol
Allan Karol

March 18, 2019

Dear Amy Acton M. D.
Interim Dir. OH Dept. Health
246 North High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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

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

Amy Acton, M.D., Interim Director OH Dept. of Health,

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

Amy Acton, M.D., Interim Director OH Dept of Health,

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!

All of my friends and relative 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????? Please, please, please,,,,,,

I hope you at least read this,

Dale Morgan

Dale Morgan
108 Columbia Avenue
Reading, OH 45215

"Green Route"

To: Amy Acton, MD, Member, Ohio Power Siting Board

From: Edith Neusner

79 Carpenters Ridge

Blue Ash, Ohio 45241

I am writing to inform you and other members of the Ohio Power Siting Board of my extreme concern about the human and financial impact of a proposed Duke Energy project that may result in a high-pressure gas transmission pipeline through my neighborhood.

I live, walk, drive and shop less than a mile from both proposed routes of the pipeline. My neighbors send their children to schools along the routes. There are medical facilities, shops, gas stations, parks and playfields along the routes. We all know that residents and contractors are not entirely reliable about checking before they dig to plant trees, repair foundations and parking lots, install decorative fixtures such as fountains or commercial signs in residential or commercial areas. Even the utility companies that have worked in my neighborhood tend to make errors, damaging the lines of other utilities. Such an error in the case of a high-pressure gas pipeline could be a huge life-threatening disaster! We have been told that your commission is only concerned about nature and land use, such as trees. Please, also think about people!

We are also very concerned about the property value of our fine homes and businesses. A dangerous pipeline passing through the densely populated and commercially active areas of my lovely suburban city, Blue Ash, could frighten away home buyers, apartment renters and commercial development. That's a devastating blow to residents and business owners.

Please help us stop this unnecessary project that will endanger the citizens of Hamilton County!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edith Neusner, R.N.".

Mr. Acton, would you want a high pressure gas pipeline in your neighborhood?

OPSB Case # 16-0253-GA-BTX

Amy Acton, OPSB Board Member,

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

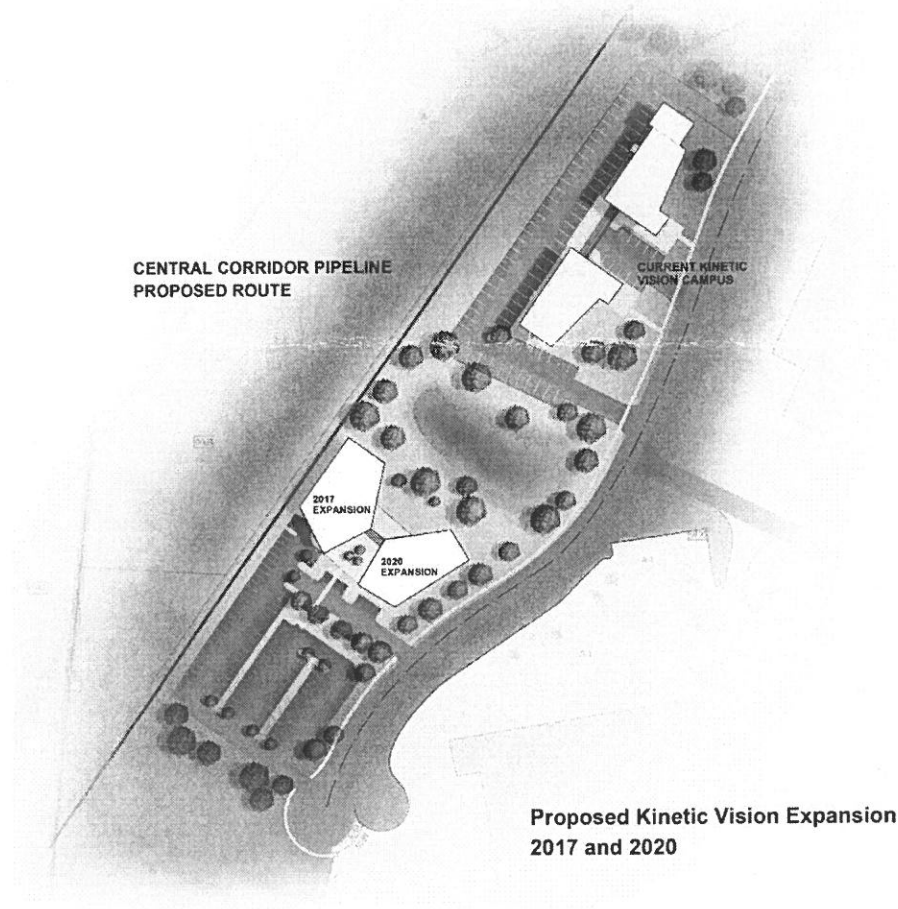
March 26, 2019

Amy Acton, M.D.
Interim Director OH Dept of Health
246 North High Street
P.O. Box 118
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Amy Acton, M.D.,

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.

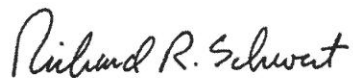
My employees are well aware of the dangers of natural gas pipeline explosions. Sure gas lines run under Cincinnati neighborhoods now but those are **2-50 psi, not 500**. I've personally been told that many employees will quit rather than work next to a what they feel is a ticking bomb. Those that remain 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,



Richard R. Schweet
President and CEO
Kinetic Vision

10255 Evendale Commons Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45241

OPSB Case # 16-0253-GA-BTX

Duke's Green Route

Dear Ms. Amy Acton,

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?

Martha Stall,



1423 Market Street
Reading, Ohio 45215

March 27, 2019

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...

March 30, 2019

Dear Ms. Amy Acton, M.D.,

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

Green Route

OPSB Case # 16-0253-GA-BTX

March 24, 2019

Amy Acton, Member OPSB Board,

We rent our home at 110 Mechanic Street in Reading, Ohio. We just found out about the Duke Pipeline about 2 weeks ago when talking to a neighbor. This is horrible! How dare you destroy such a nice old community? Allowing Duke move forward on this pipeline without even notifying all the people who would be affected by an explosion is disgusting. Just the fact that you would attempt to keep so many of us in the dark about this pipeline tells us how dangerous it really is. Please keep this pipeline out of urban areas! When large gas lines explode in the country the damage and injury/death is much, much less devastating.

Sincerely,



Jessica Watkins and Steve Puchan
110 Mechanic Street
Reading/Cincinnati, Ohio
45215

Margaret F. Wight
87 Carpenters Ridge
Blue Ash, Ohio 45241

March 17, 2019

Amy Acton, MD
Interim Director OH Department of Health
246 North High Street
P.O. Box 118
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Case Number: 16-0253-GA-BTX

Dear Ms. Acton,

My name is Margaret Wight and I am a resident of Blue Ash Ohio living at the above address. My property is about 4,400 feet from the proposed Green Route of the Duke Energy Central Corridor Pipeline.


As a member of the Ohio Power Siting Board, please make sure that the pipeline Duke is proposing is safe for the areas surrounding the pipeline. This proposed high-pressured natural gas pipeline puts schools, hospitals, day care centers, places of worships and thousands of homes at risk.

As a public servant, please ask yourself if this pipeline is necessary. Duke already has viable ways to serve the energy needs in our area and the future of our country is moving away from fossil fuels. Even Duke's model for how much gas we need is excessive according to other analysis. It is the duty of the Public Utilities Commission to seek out projections for future gas usage from a non partisan company other than the Duke Energy Corporation.

This proposed pipeline would greatly affect our environment. Please consider that the construction of this pipeline would be digging up to 80 feet of clearance, in the front yards of some homes, and removing mature trees. Please consider that the environmental impact will permanently affect our area. Once the pipeline is in place, homeowners are not allowed to plant trees or even gardens near the pipeline.

Duke Energy will pass on the cost of this unnecessary pipeline to its consumers. I urge you to consider the safety, environmental impact, cost and if this pipeline is truly necessary. It would be best for the public for the Ohio Power Sitting Board to reject both of the proposed pipeline routes as submitted by Duke Energy's application process.

Sincerely,



Margaret F. Wight

Robert J. Wight
87 Carpenters Ridge
Blue Ash, Ohio 45241

March 17, 2019

Amy Acton, MD
246 North High Street
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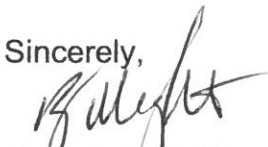
As someone who is privileged to the workings of the Ohio Power Siting Board, please make sure that the pipeline Duke is proposing is safe for the areas surrounding the pipeline. This proposed high-pressured natural gas pipeline puts schools, hospitals, day care centers, places of worships and thousands of homes at risk.

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Sincerely,



Robert J. Wight

Jennifer Wilson

April 1st, 2019

19 W. Mechanic St.

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Reading, OH 45215

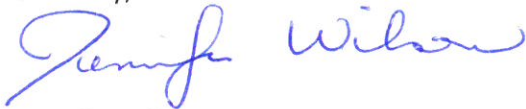
Dear Amy Acton,

I am opposed to Duke's pipeline for too many reasons to list in this letter, but here are 3 of them;

- 1) It is unsafe. Over the lifetime of this pipeline, the chances for failure are very high, especially considering all the other utility lines buried around it.
- 2) It is not necessary. Duke may want it, but do they really need it. Why doesn't the OPSB staff actually research the need?
- 3) All the Duke rate payers in Southwestern Ohio are paying for this pipeline that they don't need. I personally don't want to pay for the destruction of people, property, and the environment.

There are other much safer ways to satisfy Duke's wants. Please don't be a rubber stamp for Duke. I know you work with the utility companies all the time, but please remember your job is to protect us from corporate greed.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Wilson

Green Route

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