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On behalf of the Plain City Business Association, an Association of over 50 active members representing businesses in and around Plain City Ohio, we submit the following comments to the Ohio Power Siting Board regarding the Marysville Connector project (case number: 19-2148).

Our members have concerns that the Marysville Connector being proposed by Columbia Gas is not going to provide our region with the volume of natural gas we are going to need because of two major reasons. First the Union County area is growing faster than any other area in the state. There are hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of investments that have landed here in the Union County area due to our growth potential, our proximity to Columbus, and our involvement with SMART technologies. These investments have created jobs & will create more jobs, and that brings in people. With more people, that requires the construction of new homes, apartment buildings and condos that will want to use natural gas for heating. Second, our continued development rides upon the growth of business, and the businesses depend upon people who can work in those jobs, and those people depend upon a pool of housing to live and raise their families, and that housing depends upon electricity and gas to run. If we have a weakness in any of these areas, it affects the rest of the chain. Thus, we need your help to ensure strong access to natural gas in the future, which will help keep Union County's economy strong and growing.

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