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Ohio Power Siting Board
Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3716

Re: Duke Energy Ohio Central Corridor Extension – Case No. 16-253-GA-BTX

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy Ohio or Company), is filing this pre-application notification letter, pursuant to the requirement set forth in Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4906-3-03(A), with regard to the Company's proposal to construct a 30-inch natural gas pipeline having a length of approximately 12 miles. It is anticipated that the application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need will be filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board during June 2016.

The project is being planned in order to increase the reliability and dependability of the natural gas delivery system in central Cincinnati. It consists of the current extension of a pipeline that was completed in 2003, which provided gas transmission from cross-country pipelines to northern Hamilton County. The present proposal would result in a line from an existing gas main near the intersection of Butler, Warren, and Hamilton Counties to an existing gas main near the Norwood area or Red Bank Road area, south of Erie Avenue.

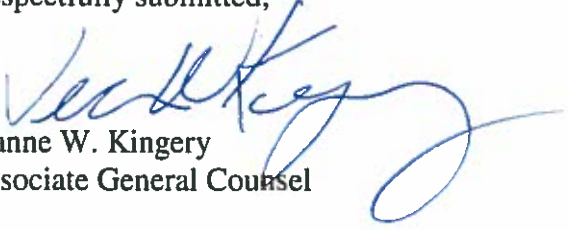
The Company is holding two public information meetings for this project. They will be held as follows:

- Tuesday, March 22, 2016, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Sycamore Township Community Center, 11580 Deerfield Road, Cincinnati, OH 45242
- Wednesday, March 23, 2016, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Pleasant Ridge Montessori, 5945 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45213

If the application is approved, construction of the project could begin in the summer of 2017 and be complete by the fall of 2018.

At the present time, the Company is not aware of any waivers that it anticipates requesting.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne W. Kingery
Associate General Counsel