

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

**In the Matter of the Application of NRG Ohio)
Pipeline Company, LLC, for a Letter of)
Notification to Construct, Own, and Operate) Case No. 14-1717-GA-BLN
a Natural Gas Pipeline to be Located in Lorain)
County, Ohio)**

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
BRANDON & MARY THORNE, *INSTANTER***

Brandon and Mary Thorne by and through undersigned counsel respectfully move the Ohio Power Siting Board or Administrative Law Judge for permission to submit their direct testimony. Mr. and Mrs. Thorne submitted their testimony in a timely manner on April 13, 2015. On April 15, 2015, the undersigned filed their Notice of Filing Direct Testimony on Behalf of Lorain County Property Owners and attached the direct testimony of 16 Property Owners.¹ The testimony of Mr. and Mrs. Thorne was inadvertently not included in the April 15, 2015, filing.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorne have made special arrangements to be present at the hearing on Friday, April 24, 2015, and Mrs. Thorne is prepared to give her live testimony. The undersigned respectfully request that they be allowed to file the Direct Testimony of Brandon and Mary Thorne, *instanter*. The Direct Testimony of Brandon and Mary

¹ The Lorain County Property Owners who submitted their Direct Testimony were: Louis and Gail Betzel; Charles Borling; Richard and Ellen Braatz; Gary and Kathleen Conlin; Wesley A. Parker; Samuel Dennis; Father Lorenzo Tosco; Mark D. Julius; Tom and Johanna Julius; John Eavenson on behalf of K. Hovnanian Homes; Tom Oster on behalf of K. Hovnanian Homes; Martins and Irene Kaulins; Robert Kubasak; Mary B. Miller; Stephanie Kay Unger; and Sheryl L. Vajda.

Thorne is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by referenced as if fully rewritten.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing *MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE DIRECT TESTIMONY OF BRANDON & MARY THORNE, INSTANTER* has been filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and has been served upon the following parties via electronic mail this 22ND day of April 2015.

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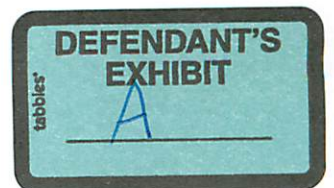
**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of NRG Ohio Pipeline)
Company LLC for Approval of a Letter of Notification)
For the Avon Lake Gas Addition Project in Lorain) Case No. 14-1717-GA-BLN
County, Ohio)

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

Brandon & Mary Thorne

April 13, 2015



1 (1) **Please state your name.**

2 Brandon and Mary Thorne

3 (2) **What is your address?**

4 37570 Eagle Nest Dr. Grafton, OH 44044

5 (3) **Has NRG filed an appropriation suit against you?**

6 Yes

7 (4) **Do you own the property NRG seeks to acquire?**

8 Yes

9 (5) **Do you currently have a mortgage on that property?**

10 Yes

11 (6) **Is there a house on the property?**

12 Yes

13 (7) **Do you reside on that property?**

14 Yes

15 (8) **How long have you resided there?**

16 5 years 8 months

17 (9) **Who else resides there?**

18 Our children.

19 (10) **Have you been shown diagrams of the proposed pipeline right-of-way on your**
20 **property?**

21 Yes

22 (11) **What are your primary concerns regarding NRG's use of your property for a**
23 **pipeline right-of-way?**

- 24 a. Safety – family, children, personal property;
- 25 b. Real Property value;
- 26 c. Aesthetic damage, tree removal, etc.;
- 27 d. Disruption during construction; and
- 28 e. Future disruption.

29 **(12) In your opinion, how will the pipeline positively or negatively impact you and your**
30 **property?**

31 It will negatively affect our property value and make it difficult to sell our house to a
32 future homebuyer. Also the aesthetic value will decrease because currently the trees block
33 the power lines, which will further decrease devalue our property. Furthermore, it will
34 affect our children, as they will not have all the trees and grassy areas to play. It will
35 disrupt their daily lives while trying to sleep with loud noises during the construction.

36 **(13) Have you had any direct contact with NRG or its land agents regarding the pipeline**
37 **project?**

38 Yes, until we hired a lawyer.

39 **(14) Describe those conversations.**

40 Conversations involved informing us that we have to allow them to take our property,
41 price negotiations, and diagrams of our property and where they want to work.

42 **(15) Did NRG demonstrate receptiveness to the concerns you raised? Please explain.**

43 No. They are not offering a fair price. They want to take our entire back yard where are
44 children play, trees and privacy. They also want to put a temporary access road in our
45 yard for which we refuse due to our young children.

46 **(16) Do you have any further comments?**

47 It's a shame that the company insists tearing up this small, quiet neighborhood when
48 there are other routes around the neighborhood that they can go instead, which also would
49 involve less amounts of trees and personal property being destroyed permanently.

50 **(17) Please indicate whether your property has woodlands that will be affected by the**
51 **pipeline.**

52 Yes, we have plenty of woodlands affected by this pipeline.

53 **(18) Please indicate whether your property has wetlands that will be affected by the**
54 **pipeline.**

55 No, I do not believe we have wetlands.

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Summary: Testimony MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE DIRECT TESTIMONY OF BRANDON AND MARY THORNE, INSTANTER electronically filed by Mr. MICHAEL BRAUNSTEIN on behalf of Thorne, Brandon & Mary