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To Whom it May Concern at Duke Energy and the Ohio Power Siting Board:

I am also filing this note and questions with the Ohio Power Siting Board and Duke Energy.

I live at 9288 Bluewing Terrace, along the proposed Pink Line of the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project. I am terrified of the very idea of living so close to an enormous safety hazard. Even with regulations and safety features in place, accidents occur. In fact, on 4/29 a natural gas explosion occurred on the same type of line -- a 30" high pressure transmission line. That happened in the rural community of Salem, PA, a 31.5 square mile areas with a population of about 6,000. Imagine what would have happened in our densely populated 7.6 square mi City of Blue Ash (pop. 12,139). High pressure/high capacity pipelines do not belong in densely populated areas, such as ours.

I am very angry because I do not feel like Duke is providing us with adequate answers to our questions. In a meeting with Duke representatives, we were misled into believing that this is a project for the residents of the Cincinnati area, so the poor people in the inner city do not loose their power when it gets really cold. This is in fact, a part of a massive transportation system designed to move natural gas from the North to the South and beyond for export. Given Duke is a partner to many companies inside and outside of our state, I think this should be regulated as an intrastate pipeline, as ultimately, that is what this will become.

#### Threats to Safety:

1. Why is this transmission line being developed through densely populated, High Consequence Areas? Just 2 days ago a natural gas explosion occurred on a 30" transmission line in Pennsylvania, and that was in a far less densely populated area than where we live. Here is the footage of that incident: <https://www.yahoo.com/news/natural-gas-explosion-pennsylvania-leaves-least-1-hurt-133612515.html> Had this happened in our residential area the consequences would be devastating.
2. What is the failure mode and rate of this type of pipeline? What estimates have the actuaries at Duke developed for loss of life and property in the event of a blowout with this pipeline along its proposed routes?
3. What is the blast range for the pipeline, should a failure occur?
4. What are the national security implications of a pipeline route that runs along multiple synagogues and a Jewish Community Center? Next to a busy shopping mall during holiday season? Adjacent to schools, daycare centers Also security implications from home grown terrorists or extremists?
5. Why are we being forced to be guinea pigs on a project that is not for our benefit? Duke has never installed a pipeline this scale before. "It is the largest project of its kind", states one Duke representative. We are not asking for this. The city is not asking for this. Who says we need something of this scale?

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6. What sort of oversight can the state provide on inspecting pipelines, and what exactly does OPSB mean by regular audits?

### **Pipeline Details:**

1. Duke needs to provide us with detailed aerial maps for all 3 proposed pipeline options. These maps have been created by Duke and shared briefly in presentation format, but no one has been able to study them in detail. We need to see detailed images of the actual terrain, structures and streets that are impacted by the proposed routes. When one resident asked how to access the aerial maps, Duke Representative said they had not been uploaded to the website. This can be accomplished in a matter of minutes by uploading the presentations if they are in a sharable format, or simply taking pictures and uploading them. Why all the secrecy?
2. What is the capacity of the proposed of the 30" transmission line in the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project?
3. Who is paying for the pipeline? Is Duke Energy getting any support from state or federal agencies?
4. Where does the gas that ultimately moves through the pipeline originate? Specifically, where is it extracted? Where is it processed? What is the route from the processing facility to the station north of here? What is the route after it passes through the Central Corridor?
5. Is this pipeline part of a larger North/South transmission network. Where does it originate and end?

### **Proposed route options:**

1. Why isn't this transmission line being developed along exiting easements or in parallel to existing gas lines?
  2. Why isn't this pipeline being routed along a major thoroughfares, like I-71 corridor?
  3. Why isn't this pipeline being completely rerouted to move around our densely populated cities?
  4. What route options were rejected for reasons of cost or timing involved?
  5. Has Duke considered multiple smaller lines rather than this 30" transmission line?
6. If the pipeline goes through, and our property values decrease as a result of the pipeline, can we file suit against Duke Energy?

### **Process:**

1. Why hasn't Duke Energy been more transparent about the other 100+ possible routes they have considered, prior to narrowing down the route options to these three? Is there a government body that has access to Duke's thought process, research and criteria?

### **Environmental Questions:**

1. We need to see environmental assessments or impact studies for this pipeline. If those are not available, we would like to see them for similar pipelines.

2. If gas leaks from this pipeline is Duke required to repair the leak?
3. Why is it necessary to build this route through areas with mature trees, natural areas, vulnerable water watersheds, green spaces, wildlife habit, migration routes?

What is the environmental impact of Horizontal Deep Drilling, being discussed for part of the pipeline? What chemicals are being used to facilitate the process? Can you guarantee that they will not be flowing into our Mill Creek Watershed?

I would also like to note the notification process in inadequate. I did not learn about this project until after the information meeting was held. A notification letter was sent to my house, but I use electronic billing, so I did not open the letter, as it looked just like the ones I receive that include a monthly statement.

Thank you,  
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