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To Whom It May Concern:

I have recently become aware of an unprecedented plan by Duke Energy to build a major natural gas transmission pipeline through the city of Blue Ash (Central Corridor Pipeline; Case 16-253-GA-BTX). If the project proceeds as planned, portions of this 30-inch diameter pipeline will carve up residential neighborhoods, backyards, and woods, and may also run alongside schools, day care centers, and hospitals. This raises numerous questions and concerns, especially given the short timeline in which the proposed routes have come together:

Safety: Duke Energy has never installed a pipeline of this size along residential property before. This alone is a major safety concern for all potential routes, especially given the history of large pipeline accidents such as the San Bruno disaster. It is unclear why Duke is unable to restrict the pipeline to larger thoroughfares and non-residential areas, or use smaller pipelines with a proven track record for safety.

Environment: Duke's plans call for a minimum 30-foot clearing in which its pipeline can be installed. Doing so in residential areas will cause irreparable damage to their respective communities, cutting through forests, destroying old growth trees, and ruining yards. As an example, one route creates a path through woods owned by University of Cincinnati Blue Ash. The university itself has vowed not to build on this area due its educational, recreational, and community potential, along with its storm water mitigation properties. Duke's plan appears to disregard the university's wishes for this property.

Process: Some residents in affected areas have not been notified by Duke about its plans, as apparently required by the Ohio Power Siting Board, and Duke has not published detailed route maps to its website. It seems as if this project is being rushed through the Siting Board without providing enough time for residents to educate themselves and speak out.

These are just a few of the concerns that residents have about the Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project. While Duke's desire to supply more reliable power to Southwestern Ohio is understandable, it is unclear why residential neighborhoods must shoulder the safety and environmental burden, and whether better options exist to serve the public good.

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