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Subject: Proposed Duke Energy gas pipeline through northern suburbs of Cincinnati

I am opposed to the currently proposed siting of the gas pipelines through the northern suburbs of Cincinnati. The problem with all three of the options I have seen proposed is that they come too close to private residences and public facilities in a way that will expose too many citizens to the risks associated with the pipelines. I think it is possible to find alternate routes which pass further away from population concentrations thereby reducing the risk. I recommend that you require Duke to choose such an alternative.

I have had personal experience with the risks associated with Duke Energy replacing underground utilities in my yard in the last year. A sinkhole was subsequently occurred and I fell into it sustaining substantial injuries when the ground in my yard fell out from under me. Duke Energy has refused to accept responsibility for the damages.

Therefore, I do not trust Duke to mitigate the risks associated with their latest proposal and think they should not be allowed to dig so close to residences, schools, and other public facilities. I do wish to point out that the plans as currently proposed do not place them "in my backyard" but I support the concerns of the other citizens who oppose the proposals and face these risks if the proposal is implemented.

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