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Subject: OPSB Case No. 16-0253-GA-BTX

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed Duke Energy pipeline project that will run through Pleasant Ridge and Amberley Village, as well as other nearby areas. The proposed pipeline will run through very densely populated areas, putting our families, neighbors and property at risk, for no explicable reason. If the pipeline is in fact necessary, there are numerous other less populated areas through which it could run, and those routes should be utilized. There has been no explanation or justification for the selection of the proposed routes, and one can only assume that the routes were chosen because other routes were not politically viable, such as a pipeline through a wealthier neighborhood which is far less populated than any of the proposed routes. Or the anticipated eminent domain cost was lower because the property may be in less prestigious neighborhoods. In any event, less populated routes should be revisited, and reviewed and utilized, regardless of their political expediency.

Such a large high pressure transmission line running near thousands of homes and business, and their occupants and customers, is a danger to those who live, work and play in those areas. Despite assurances that such lines are safe, there are numerous news reports of explosions of this type of line and the destruction is catastrophic. I am sure those injured, killed and affected in those explosions were also repeatedly assured that their pipelines were completely safe. Even if the danger is relatively low, it is nonetheless a danger, and there is no reason why so many lives and homes should be put in jeopardy in the event that disaster were to strike.

For those residents whose land would be taken via eminent domain, they will have their property taken so Duke can place a ticking bomb on their property. For everyone else near. The pipeline, our property values will certainly be negatively and permanently impacted because of the inherent danger of living next to such a pipeline, for which there would be no eminent domain compensation. All of this simply because Duke has chosen its routes poorly, or has selected routes on which it believes it can seize the requisite land for a lesser price.

Further, Ridge Road is a major corridor that is very heavily travelled. Any construction or blockage of this road for any period of time will make it virtually impossible for residents to commute or to get to and from their homes. Prolonged construction would make it impassable, and would cause gridlock through Amberley Village and Pleasant Ridge. Again, this only shows the number of people who would be impacted and endangered by the mere existence of this pipeline.

Duke's secrecy and lack of transparency are also frustrating. They have offered no reasoning as to why the routes were selected, and what other routes might be viable. I personally called their concerned resident hotline. No one bothered to answer so I left a message. My call was simply ignored and never returned. The residents may be concerned about the pipeline, but clearly Duke isn't concerned about the residents.

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Needless to say, I vehemently oppose the proposed pipeline. If Duke does in fact need a pipeline, they must choose a less dangerous, less populated route. You cannot stand idly by as our families, children and property are unnecessarily put in harms way.

Sincerely,

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