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Re: OPSB Case Number 16-0253-GA-BTX

I have lived in Evendale for over thirty years and obviously have enjoyed the community. I was devastated to learn of Duke Energy's proposed plan to construct a high volume, high pressure 30" gas transmission line in our community.

This type of transmission line is not meant for local usage but for transporting large volumes of high pressure gas from point A to point B. It is an outrage that Duke Energy is even considering constructing a high volume, high pressure 30" transmission line in urban areas. The risk to my family, our neighbors, our children, our homes, our schools, our places of worship, our community centers, our parks, our shopping areas and our large gathering venues in our community is too great to justify the whimsical desire of Duke Energy to select this urban route just to save construction costs vs an alternative transmission line in a rural area. The danger and threat from an accident is too great a risk to route the transmission line through urban centers. A rural route would be the preferred route to lower the risk. An explosion could devastate everything in its path for up to a 1/4 mile. The explosion would be instantaneous with no warning to allow a safe, orderly evacuation. As the proposed line runs right adjacent to Evendale Elementary school we will wipe out our future generation of Evendale children teachers, administrators, and helpers with no notice. Any survivors farther out from the blast zone may still die as first responders will not have the capacity, equipment nor pathways to properly respond. Have we not learned our lessons from gas transmission lines in the urban areas of Oklahoma, California nor Pennsylvania. Gas transmission lines do not belong in urban areas nor city centers. History does and will repeat itself.

And what about the reduction in property values that will result to having this transmission line in such close proximity to all our homes. All the vegetation will be remove within a 30 foot swath of the gas transmission line. Who will compensate us for the loss in value provided someone would even want to purchase our homes knowing there is a 30" high volume, high pressure gas transmission line in our community.

Yes we do want to use better fuels than coal to fuel our power plants. Yes we do want to save the planet. I understand that. But at what risk? And, at what devastation?

The gas transmission line needs to be constructed in a rural area, not in the urban center.

I stand firmly opposed to the proposed gas transmission line.

Respectfully submitted,

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