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**Subject:** Case #16-0253-GA-BTX.

To The Ohio Siting Board,

I am a longtime resident of Amberley Village, as I live on Twigwood Lane. I am also the Senior Rabbi of Rockdale Temple, which is co-located with the Jewish Community Center (as well as offices of the Jewish Federation of Greater Cincinnati) on Ridge Rd, at Ronald Reagan Highway. As such, I am concerned about Duke Energy's proposed routes and plan for the Central Corridor Pipeline.

I believe the pipeline deserves a more thorough review by all of the communities through which it might be sited, with regard to the populations in these areas. Many of us are wary of the pipeline, knowing the potential dangers it might pose. For me, this is not about any one of the three routes. Even though two of the routes run close to both my home and my congregation's home, I am concerned that any of the three routes pose a danger to residential areas. Rockdale Temple members live along all three routes. This is an unprecedented proposal, to run such a pipeline along residential property. Such pipelines are full of potential danger, and have a record of accidents, including 2010 in San Bruno, California, and recently in Pittsburgh, Pa. Our congregation is a historic one, being the first Jewish congregation West of the Alleghenies. We see ourselves as a leader for our community, advocating for all of those, both within our congregation and without.

Of course, I am concerned about the immediate hassle of construction, difficult access to our building, and a destruction of the beauty of our community. As well, I am concerned about property values. But for me, this is a moral issue. We have a responsibility (as it says in Genesis) to "till and tend" the earth. As well, we have a responsibility to care for our fellow human beings. The Book of Leviticus urges us to stand up for one another, and not to stand idly by.

Our building on Ridge Road is often filled with people of all ages—from our tot programs, to our Sunday School, to our adults of all ages. An even higher number of people attend the Mayerson Jewish Community Center on a daily basis. Finally, both institutions rent our space to any number of families and organizations of Greater Cincinnati. The pink route proposed for the pipeline would run right in front of our building (and pass by several other synagogues). We cannot risk having our members and visitors exposed to explosions, environmental dangers, and the particular and significant risk that a Jewish institution abutting a gas pipeline would present. Finally, our community is safety conscious as we understand that this facility might be a target for terror. I would hope that the Siting Board would understand the significant risk to the Jewish community (and the many other visitors to our campus) that the pipeline would pose. It bears remembering that Rockdale Temple is named so because the congregation (K.K. Bene Israel) was once located on Rockdale at Harvey Avenue. That building was fire-bombed in 1970.

I appreciate your attention to my concerns and hope you will be mindful of our communities.

Sincerely,  
Rabbi Sigma Faye Coran

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