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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,
180 East Broad Street,
Columbus, Ohio, 43215

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Dear Members of the Commission:

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

As I am sure you are aware, there is a proposal afoot to route a major, 30 inch, high pressure (720 psi) gas pipeline through residential areas. One of those areas is my neighborhood. In addition, the school attended by my grandchildren is within the blast zone.

Please take a stand on behalf of people rather than a corporation. There is no reason for this pipeline, and placing it in residential areas is senseless. It seems that the Ohio Power Sitting Board is just a rubber stamp of the utility companies, which raises the question, who elected these people? Why do they always side with the utilities?

I am afraid. The "blast zone," i.e., damaged or scorched properties, from a pipeline of this size (30 inches) is 2000 feet on either side of the pipe. The blast zone for Duke's proposed "pink route" includes schools, churches, and many other significant neighborhood facilities, not to speak of the houses in these high density areas. Yes, the plan's blast zone include Pleasant Ridge Montessori, my grandchildren's elementary school. That means 610 children are sitting in a potentially damaging area. Wouldn't it be better to build the pipeline in rural areas? Wouldn't you rather see a cow as a potential casualty than 610 children?

Has Duke proved that they need this? The pipeline seems to exceed the needs of the company and of the population of Ohio. If we continue to consider alternative energy sources, do we need this dinosaur? **I urge the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, and the State of Ohio to use their role as the elected representatives of the residents of South West Ohio to have the proposed routed re-assessed to be more appropriate and use Rural Routes to achieve the Gas transmission goals..**

Please protect my home, family, and community. Do not approve this pipeline.

Sincerely,



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