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RE: OPSB Case # 16-0253-GABTX

Chairman Haque,

I am writing to implore you to use your influence on the Ohio Power Siting Board to oppose the Duke Energy Central Corridor project (OPSB case number 16-0253-GABTX) as it stands now. This is an unprecedented project and a massive safety hazard. It would involve running a 30-inch, extremely high-pressure natural gas pipeline directly through densely populated neighborhoods and past schools, hospitals, day care centers, and places of worship in the Cincinnati area. An explosion could kill or injure thousands of residents along the pipeline's path, and yet Duke is undeterred and will effectively be allowed to regulate itself.

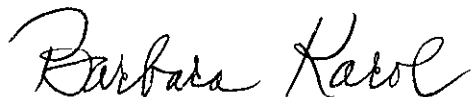
I am deeply concerned about this project because, aside from the two years I spent in graduate school at the University of Minnesota, I have been a resident of Pleasant Ridge in Cincinnati my entire life. I have lived in my home on Troy Avenue for 42 years. I am a perfect example of the saying in Pleasant Ridge that many residents remain here their entire lives, and many return after having gone elsewhere.

I do not want to move from my home; I intend to stay here until I must move into assisted living. Even then, I might choose to find a way to remain here. However, I absolutely cannot live with the constant fear of living on a powder keg, of being within the blast zone of a 720-psi natural gas pipeline. Pipelines with much lower pressure have failed and caused death and destruction of homes.

I have always loved Pleasant Ridge for its diversity, its friendliness and unassuming character, and its central location. We have many beautiful old trees providing shade, mental comfort and peace, and beauty with the change of seasons. I know that other areas possibly affected by this project proposed by Duke must feel the same way about their own neighborhoods throughout Hamilton County.

Please hear the hundreds of Hamilton County residents who are strongly opposed to this project. The Duke pipeline along any of the three proposed routes would endanger and drastically alter the quality of so many families' lives in long-established neighborhoods. Please require Duke Energy to install their high-pressure pipeline outside Hamilton County in a sparsely populated area. We just do not understand why this cannot occur and why our pleas are so far not being heard.

Thank you for your consideration,



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