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RE: Case No. 16-11-1166-GA-BLN

Dear Board Members:

I am deeply troubled by the proposal to install a 20 inch natural gas pipeline in near proximity to my residence. I am unable to estimate the number of cubic feet per minute that a pipeline of that diameter will transmit, but the diameter of the piping clearly indicates that the volume of natural gas under high pressure will necessarily be huge as will be the risks to the community.

The proposed pipeline will eventually leak causing significant soil contamination, crop and wildlife destruction and risk of conflagration, the magnitude of which can only be imagined.

Events occurring in the past couple of years have made it apparent that the companies involved in the exploration and production of natural gas have little or no regard for the health and safety of members of the local community. The area now has ground water contamination which we never experienced prior to fracking. The exploration, extraction, and transportation traffic (consisting mostly of heavy duty trucks) on the county roads has required the local residents to continuously drive in a state of heightened anxiety. And the trucks generate dust and dirt which settles on our cars and inside our homes.

We simply do not need to further deteriorate the standard of living and quality of life that the irresponsible natural gas people have given us. We certainly do not need to encourage more exploration/exploitation by building a huge pipeline to transport ultra-hazardous natural gas and thus perpetuate the substandard conditions which have prevailed for the past seven years by making this community a mere way station for resources which primarily benefit those who demonstrate no responsibility to this community.

Please do not approve the construction of this pipeline.

Sincerely,



Kenneth A Cochran, Sr.

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