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To: Butler, Matthew <matthew.butler@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Re: Duke pipeline project

Mr. Butler,

Thank you for the email letter from the Ohio Public Siting Board regarding the pre-application letter by Duke Energy to property owners along three proposed pipeline routes in Hamilton County, Ohio pertaining to a new steel 30" natural gas line. (Ref. number 16-253-GA-BTX)

The Duke Energy letter draft "fails" to include existing pipeline natural gas routes in Hamilton County, Ohio that currently exists in the proposed three alternate routes.

The letter proposing three alternate routes presumes by this letter in your case number 16-253-GA-BTX the OPSB has no alternative but to confirm one of three alternative routes proposed.

I am requesting your office to move to dismiss the letter given there was no alternative to include upgrade of existing natural gas pipeline routes that were installed either by formerly Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company or current Duke Energy from out of state.

A proper letter should include the existing pipeline routes for natural gas as an alternative upgrade to today's standard set by the Energy Department.

The 30" pipeline is a dangerous alternative in densely populated areas proposed. The natural gas line already is installed throughout Hamilton County, Ohio. Why not upgrade existing pipelines to a higher safety standard first?

I think the support for 30" pipeline is negative in all of Hamilton County, Ohio. The smaller pipeline historically needs to be upgraded before any further be given for a 30" pipeline.

Please provide your reply in writing.

Thank you for the understanding.

Best,
Bob Rupers

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