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Ohio Power Board
180 East Broad Street
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Re: Duke Energy Gas Pipeline Location
Case No. 16-0253-GA-BTX

Gentlemen:

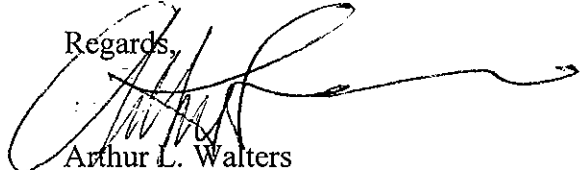
Plaza Realty Management, Inc. owns property at 11370-11380 Reed Hartman Highway Cincinnati (Blue Ash), Ohio 45242.

This letter is to voice our strong opposition to the installation of a 30" high pressure gas line by Duke Energy in and along the right-of-way of Reed Hartman Highway in Blue Ash, Ohio (Pink Route). Placing a 30" high pressure gas line in a any highway right-of-way is a bad idea, but placing it in and along a highly developed highway with the inevitable construction of new and replacement utilities must be rated a very bad idea.

What is puzzling to a layman is why the proposed pipeline is not to be co-located with the existing rail line for most of the route. The proposals clearly use that railroad right-of-way for portions of the proposed route and it clearly provides the most direct route and a right-of-way less susceptible to intrusions from further utility construction. The apparent beginning point of the proposed gas line starts directly adjacent to the railroad right-of-way, leaves it to proceed to Reed Hartman Highway and then rejoins and follows the railroad right-of-way.

We would therefore very strongly suggest that the proposed 30" high pressure gas line be located in the existing railroad right-of-way and avoid the Reed Hartman Highway Corridor and the all but certain future breach of that 30" high pressure gas pipeline by some distracted or careless utility contractor doing roadway work in Reed Hartman Highway.

Regards,


Arthur L. Walters
President

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