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Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
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Re: Support for Case No. 16-253-GA-BTX

I am writing to express our support for Duke Energy Ohio's proposed Central Corridor Pipeline.

The Village of Woodlawn serves a resident population of 3,200 people and throughout the week serves an average of 5,000 employees in and out of the Village. We depend on Duke Energy to run timely efficient operations that meet the needs of our constituents.

It is my understanding that Duke Energy Ohio is proposing this pipeline in order to improve the reliability of natural gas delivery throughout the region, as would be able to deliver gas into Hamilton County Supply sources. This is extremely important to us because, without a consistent and reliable source of natural gas, our businesses and residents alike would not be able to function in a normal capacity. Homes and hot water sources would not be heated, stoves could not cook and all other sources that depend on natural gas could not function. There are over 300 businesses in Woodlawn. Most of which rely on Duke Energy's natural gas to produce their products or services offered at their location. Their failure to produce could have an adverse effect on the revenues received by the Village.

I understand that another goal of the pipeline is to allow Duke Energy Ohio to replace old infrastructure and modernize the overall distribution system, including the future retirement of propane peaking stations. Safety is of vital importance, especially when we are talking about natural gas. We are strongly in favor of moving from decades-old pipes and peaking facilities to new pipes ones that are built with modern technology and that can be inspected periodically from the inside, by remotely operated devices. We understand that the new pipeline will be far safer than the old facilities currently serving our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. We recommend you approve the project being proposed by Duke Energy Ohio.

Sincerely,

Alan Geans, Municipal Manager
Village of Woodlawn

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