

Public comment 16-0253-GA-BTX

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**Subject:** Re: #16-0253-GA-BTX, The Duke Central Corridor Extension Gas Pipeline

To: Mr. Matt Butler, PUCO

Hello Mr. Butler and thanks for responding to my message.

Not to belabor the point, but, we in the community who are concerned about the safety aspects of this pipeline are especially worried because of the lack of safety considerations in the Ohio Code. We feel that the needs for this pipeline must be balanced against the safety of people who live/work/pray in close proximity to it. This balance is not in the code. That is very unfortunate. Recent incidents - not just the most recent one, but others that have occurred this year all over the country, on new pipes as well as old - underline the importance of safety. The proposed service life of this pipeline is 100 years (!) I.e., someday it too will be old. I believe that the route modifications you refer to are minor. That is why, in my letter, I urged OPSB to consider the safety aspects even if the letter of the law does not require it. Here is my proposal: If the pipeline is as important as Duke says, then Duke should find the funds to buy back those homes/businesses/etc that are in close proximity and create the appropriate setback (approximately 300 ft on either side). If that is financially a non-starter, maybe Duke should explore an alternative route through less populated areas, say in Indian Hill. And if these options are too expensive, then perhaps the pipeline is not that necessary after all.

Thanks,

Ethan Boger

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