

From: [Johnson, Thomas](#)
To: [Puco Docketing](#)
Subject: Case No 16-253-GA-BTX
Date: Monday, March 4, 2019 10:18:56 AM

Good morning,

Please file the below email as a public comment in Case No 16-253-GA-BTX.

Thanks,
John

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From: lesliehadaway@gmail.com [<mailto:lesliehadaway@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, March 3, 2019 8:18 PM
To: Johnson, Thomas <Thomas.Johnson@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Pipeline development

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Sincerely,

Leslie Hadaway
3277 Beredith Place
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From: [Ohio Power Siting Board](#)
To: [Puco Docketing](#)
Subject: public comment 16-0253 [ref:_00Dt0GzXt._500t0FMunV:ref]
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From: Elizabeth Rueve-Miller [elizabeth_ruevemiller@hotmail.com]
Sent: 3/3/2019 9:46 AM
To: contactopsb@puc.state.oh.us
Subject: 16-253-GA-BTX

We need the leaders at OPSB who are responsible for public safety to protect us from Duke's ill conceived plans to locate their massive transmission line through our densely populated suburban and urban communities.

Duke Energy has repeatedly reassured us that "safety is their #1 priority".

If the safety of PEOPLE is their number 1 priority, then ***why doesn't my family get the same level of consideration and planning that other species do?*** In Duke's application they have identified where endangered species like the Indiana Bat and some rare type of mussel are likely to be on their route, and if it is not possible to avoid them altogether, Duke describes mitigation procedures to protect these creatures and their habitat.

Why does Duke mention "structures" in their application, but nowhere do I see "people", "families", "children", babies, "workers" or any other nomenclature associated with human beings? Perhaps it is to desensitize decision makers like you to the fact that you are being asked to approve an application that could put human lives in jeopardy? Or maybe it is to mitigate the fact that they plan to build their high pressure pipeline in High Consequence Areas where lots of living, breathing people tend to congregate?

It's called a High Consequence Area because in the event of a weld failure, or inadvertent stroke of a backhoe, people could die, become burned and severely disfigured. Homes, lives and property could be irreparably harmed.

This is what happened in San Bruno in 2010. A high pressure pipeline in a densely populated community failed and people died. PHMSA has worked to enact legislation to prevent another San Bruno from happening. And yet the Oil and Gas Industry continues to oppose legislation that enhances safety.

There is a false sense of confidence that natural gas pipelines are completely safe. ***Regardless of safety precautions, incidents involving natural gas pipelines happen all of the time.*** In fact, ***in Ohio, 3rd party damage to natural gas pipelines happens at a rate of about 20 times per day***, according to the Common Ground Alliance's 2017 DIRT Report. Any one of those

incidents has the potential to become a catastrophic event. While significant damage is rare, so too are high-pressure, large-diameter lines in densely-populated areas such as this proposed line.

Duke may lament that if only people would use the 811 "Call Before You Dig Service", these 5003 accidents would never have happened. And they would be wrong. Because in their 2017 Report, the Common Ground Alliance showed that **most 3rd party damage was NOT primarily caused by failure to call 811. It was caused by failure to mark locations properly and failure to excavate properly.** The majority of accidents were NOT caused by uninformed homeowners renting a backhoe. **They were caused by experienced contractors, utility professionals and government workers.**

Duke could point out that they cannot control 3rd party damage. However, Duke can control where they locate new natural gas pipelines. They are well aware of the fact that 3rd party damage is a serious problem. **Duke could choose to locate their transmission line in less populated areas where 3rd party damage is less likely to occur and the consequences are less likely to be catastrophic if they do occur.**

So why would Duke locate their pipeline right through the center of busy, populated Hamilton County, where the likelihood of 3rd party damage is greatest? They have not provided adequate proof that this is the best alternative to protect human safety, and they certainly have not proved that a pipeline of this size and scale is needed to meet our needs.

I am also deeply **disturbed by Duke's attempt to push for calling this a "distribution line" rather than a "transmission line"**. Duke has identified C314 as "transmission line" in their long term forecasts for years. Although Duke reduced the size/pressure from its original 30"/700psi, the purpose and location have not changed. **Duke has manipulated the hoop stress on the pipeline from 20% to 19%, in an attempt to classify C314 as a "distribution line"**.

If you ask an engineer, they would tell you that 20% vs 19% hoop stress is not meaningful. There are other things (such as the conditions to which the pipeline is exposed) that have a far greater impact on the pipeline safety. The real issue is that the **Integrity Management Plan requirements are less stringent for distribution lines than transmission lines.** Construction standards are also lower. **By manipulating hoop stress, Duke is also manipulating safety protocol, on a project with significant safety concerns.** While OPSB has attempted to partially address construction standards, **OPSB cannot allow Duke to manipulate arbitrary details pipeline design to avoid important integrity management rules and procedures.**

Finally, Duke and the oil and gas industry have not earned our trust. **Recently, Duke was fined \$10 million for failure to follow appropriate safety and security procedures.** NERC

described a ***"lack of management engagement, support and accountability"*** at the heart of problems that have been going on for years. This fine was against Duke's electricity business, but the problem is with their corporate culture and corporate leadership.

Please place people ahead of profits. Duke is a regulated monopoly with a guaranteed rate of return. They cannot be allowed to overbuild infrastructure, so they can make more money. Particularly when the ratepayers bear all of the risks and financial burdens, for very little benefit.

The people of Ohio need OPSB to protect us from dangerous and unnecessary infrastructure like the Central Corridor Pipeline. Stand up on our behalf and say no to Duke's pipeline plans.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Rueve-Miller



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From: [Ohio Power Siting Board](#)
To: [Puco Docketing](#)
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Why take a north so south pipeline East to west? Why take it under the Mill Creek? Why take it under railroad tracks? Why put it in highly populated areas? Why do you want to do this? This is unprecedented and dangerous. You would not put this in your neighborhood. Why do you want to put this in my neighborhood? Do you not care at all about the people of Hamilton county? Please consider all if the lives you are choosing to put at risk.

Bess Sturgill 

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From: [Ohio Power Siting Board](#)
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Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

As a resident of Blue Ash and concerned citizen, I am writing you to register my opposition to Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project (Reference No. 16-253- GA-BTX).

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Leslie Hadaway

This pipeline will travel through densely populated areas, including my neighborhood and will pose a danger to residences, schools, businesses and houses of worship.

Unlike delivery pipelines, this pipeline will be under up to 500psi pressure and an accident or rupture could cause injuries, death and destruction of property within a radius of 1000 feet.

I ask you to oppose this pipeline and encourage both Duke Energy and the Ohio Power Siting Board to reject this pipeline.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Leslie Hadaway 

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From: [Mains, Rachael](#)
To: [Puco Docketing](#)
Subject: Public Comments on 16-0253
Date: Monday, March 4, 2019 1:54:06 PM
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Please find attached three postcards from the public regarding case 16-0253.

Thanks!

Rachael Mains

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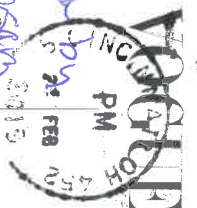
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