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To: [contactopsb@puc.state.oh.us](mailto:contactopsb@puc.state.oh.us)

Subject: Duke's Proposed Central Corridor Gas Pipeline, Case #16-0253-GA-BTX

Please enter this letter into the record for Case #: 16-0253-GA-BTX. I was unable to post it directly onto your website.

Susan Ullman

I started researching the proposed central corridor pipeline extension proposal approximately two years ago when I became aware that one of the proposed routes was projected to pass close to my neighborhood. I was interested in the impact that the pipeline would have, not only on my neighborhood, but, as a social worker, I was deeply concerned about vulnerable populations who live in neighborhoods close to the proposed pipeline routes. I was specifically concerned about the people that FEMA identifies as being vulnerable, including the elderly, disabled, children, individuals living in institutions such as nursing homes, people with chronic medical disorders, and individuals who have difficulty in communicating, for example, people who are not native English speakers. While the route that would have passed close to my neighborhood has since been eliminated, I observed that both of the current pipeline routes go through areas which include nursing homes, hospitals, schools, a large shopping mall, a dialysis center, day care centers, and places of worship. While protecting these at-risk groups in the event of a pipeline leak or explosion would be virtually impossible, I have since come to realize that in the event of a pipeline explosion, **everyone** who is in a high consequence area is vulnerable. Therefore, it is not just that the proposed pipeline is not right for specific communities such as Blue Ash, Evendale, Reading, and Golf Manor; it is not right for any urban community. The proposed pipelines go through highly populated and trafficked residential and business communities. I know that the likelihood of a pipeline leak and explosion occurring is low, but there have been multiple reports of day care centers and nursing homes being evacuated across the country after gas line leaks. In most cases, gas explosions were caused by construction workers damaging gas pipelines, including in Columbus in December 2016!

Evacuation of nursing homes has been shown to increase the rate of death among residents in the 3 months following those evacuations. Most of the studies have been done after nursing homes were evacuated before hurricanes, when the staff had advance notice, and was prepared to evacuate residents. Studies have also shown that nursing home residents who suffer from dementia fared worse than those who were not cognitively impaired. It should also be noted that there are at least two nursing homes on the proposed pipeline routes, one with a memory care unit.

I recently reread an article published in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* (September 14, 2018) in which Sally Thelen, spokesperson for Duke Energy, stated that Duke is committed to pipeline safety and monitors its pipelines “24 hours a day, 365 days a year.” However, the same article also noted that since 2006 Duke has been involved in at least seven gas pipeline explosions, three of which involved underground gas pipelines, and at least one of those explosions resulted in a death. It is not clear if the Lebanon, Ohio pipeline explosion was included in the seven incidents noted, but in 2012 Duke Energy was fined \$500,000 by PUCO for an apartment explosion that injured seven people and caused one million dollars in property damage.

Duke not only has a safety problem regarding gas pipelines, it also has a poor environmental record. It has been fined multiple times for contaminating ground water near their coal ash sites. In an article published by EcoWatch on March 4, 2019 on the “Top 10 Most Contaminated Groundwater Sites Revealed in First Major Coal Ash Pollution Study,” Duke was cited for their Allen Steam Station in Belmont, North Carolina, because the coal ash dumps are leaking cobalt (which can cause thyroid damage) into groundwater at concentrations more than 500 times above safe levels, along with unsafe levels of eight other pollutants. Less than a week ago Duke settled a class action suit filed by 33 property owners in North Carolina after the company was found to have spilled over 39,000 tons of coal ash into the Dan River in North Carolina. And in a criminal case related to that spill, in 2015 three subsidiaries of Duke agreed to pay a 68 million dollar fine and spend an additional 34 million dollars on environmental projects. I was able to identify twenty-six separate incidents that occurred between 2013-2016 where Duke was fined for safety violations with fines ranging from just under six thousand dollars to more than five million dollars. The Wall Street Journal published an article on February 1, 2019 stating that Duke is facing a ten million dollar fine for “serious and pervasive violations” of rules designed to keep the nation’s electric system safe from physical and cyber-attacks. It listed 127 separate rules violations that “posed a serious risk to the safety and reliability” of the Eastern interconnection system and said that the 10 million dollars being considered was only a fraction of the maximum amount that can be legally imposed. It also stated that due to a configuration error, for a period of six months safety

engineers were not alerted to attempted hacks into the system, which serves the electrical needs of a high population of Americans.

Due to Duke's poor record of environmental and safety violations, and particularly their failure to protect their utility from cyber-security breaches, I believe it would place the community at a serious risk if they are permitted to build a high-pressure pipeline in a high population density area. At this time, the federal government is very concerned, and has held hearings, about attempts of foreign governments attempting to hack into the nation's utilities. I would have expected a \$138 billion-dollar company with 29,000 employees to have a state-of-the-art security system. If Duke does such a sloppy job of protecting their electrical system, it is hard to believe they will be any more vigilant at safeguarding a high-pressure pipeline in our community. A high-pressure, natural gas transmission pipeline going through high population areas would make an attractive and easy target for terrorism. Blowing up high pressure gas pipelines on or near the grounds of hospitals, shopping malls, schools, places of worship, and large office buildings would require very little technical expertise, create a great deal of publicity for the terrorist, and cause a great deal of damage and suffering in the community. I understand that there is a need to provide natural gas to people, but there is no need to place the transmission lines in highly populated areas, when there are safer alternatives.

One of the characteristics that communities such as Blue Ash, Evendale, Reading, Amberly, Golf Manor, Pleasant Ridge, and Sycamore Township have in common is that they are known as desirable places to live and raise families. Unlike the newer suburbs, they are cradle to grave communities that appeal to a diversity of populations from young families to senior citizens. These communities are bolstered by the institutions they house, such as schools, parks, places of worship, libraries, athletic fields, and convenient shopping. Anything that disrupts the functioning of these institutions is likely to have a negative effect on the individuals and families who live and work there. Digging up streets, placing pipelines in people's yards, and placing them on or near the grounds of parks, athletic fields, places of worship, and other places where people congregate is going to disrupt the functioning of these communities and have a negative impact on the people and families who live

there. Some of these older neighborhoods that are already having a difficult time competing with the newer suburbs will be seen as being less desirable and young people will choose to live elsewhere. It is one thing to dig up streets or maintain or even enlarge existing pipelines, but installing large, high-pressure pipelines in these sensitive areas will likely have the unintended consequence of weakening these communities. If the intention of placing a gas transmission pipeline is to serve the needs of Hamilton County, then Duke is likely to find fewer customers and decreased demand for natural gas if, or when, the population drops.

The residents of our community have spoken loudly and clearly about their opposition to the central corridor pipeline going through our neighborhoods. Thousands of letters have been written, phone calls made, and meetings attended to express our opposition. I have seen minimal support for the pipeline other than from a few politicians and a smattering of people who live outside our area. For reasons of safety, disruption to the community, and the large number of people who are in opposition to the pipeline, please deny Duke's request to install this large diameter, high-pressure transmission gas pipeline in our community.

Very truly yours,

Susan Ullman, MSW, LISW  
Blue Ash, Ohio

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached are two letters sent to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources regarding case number 16-0253-GA-BTX. Please add their comments to the official record.

If you have any questions you may contact Brittney Colvin, Deputy Director, at (614) 265-6891 or [Brittney.Colvin@DNR.state.oh.us](mailto:Brittney.Colvin@DNR.state.oh.us).

Thank you,

Sharon



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From: Leslie Hadaway <[info@nopecincy.org](mailto:info@nopecincy.org)>  
Sent: Sunday, March 3, 2019 8:22 PM  
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Subject: Oppose the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project

Dear James Zehringer,

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).

As a resident of Hamilton County in Cincinnati, Ohio and more specifically a resident of the neighborhood known as Pleasant Ridge, I am writing to voice my concerns regarding the Duke Energy proposal for a high pressure natural gas pipeline that would run through my community.

I am opposed to the pipeline for the following reasons: The pipeline would run through densely populated areas comprised of neighborhoods, schools, businesses, daycare centers, churches and businesses. The pipeline would be dangerous, as shown by other similar pipelines in the past.

It would decrease my property value and quality of life.

The pipeline would damage the environmental integrity of the land.

It is not just pipeline development in my neighborhood that I am opposed to - it is the routing of the pipeline through ANY residential area that is very worrisome.

Each of the routes proposed by Duke Energy for the Central Corridor Extension Pipeline poses a danger to residential areas.

Residential safety should be of greater concern than company profit. Duke Energy should spend the money necessary to route this pipeline through non-residential areas.

Sincerely,

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

Director Mary Mertz  
Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources  
2045 Morse Road, Bldg. D-3  
Columbus, Ohio 43229

February 2, 2019

Dear Director Mertz:

On September 10, 2010, as families in the Crestmoor neighborhood of San Bruno, California, sat down to dinner, a blast so strong it hurled a 3,000-lb. section of steel pipe a hundred feet through the air changed life in the San Francisco suburb forever. The fireball that erupted a thousand feet into the sky that evening burned several people alive, leaving eight dead and 51 injured. Thirty-eight homes were destroyed, 70 others heavily damaged. First responders and the media believed at first that a commercial jetliner had crashed. Fire fighters were held at bay for an hour by the intense heat. It took them that long to discover that a high-pressure natural gas transmission line had exploded.

After dashing from their homes in the chaos that followed, first to see what had happened, then to run for their lives, residents returning when all the fires had finally been put out found almost three city blocks of houseless chimneys towering over a sea of ash.

A recent *Wall Street Journal* review found that there were 1,400 pipeline spills and accidents in the U.S. from 2010 to 2013 alone. Four in every five pipeline accidents were discovered by local residents, not the companies owning the lines. From 1994 through 2013, the U.S. had 855 serious incidents involving natural gas transmission and distribution, causing 319 fatalities and 1254 injuries, with more than half a billion dollars in property damage. None, thankfully, has been as serious as the San Bruno disaster. That's a catastrophe waiting to happen.

Pacific Gas and Electric, the utility company that owned the gas line, was indicted on 27 federal criminal counts for repeatedly violating the federal Pipeline Safety Act; fined \$1.6 billion by the California Public Utilities Commission, the largest penalty ever levied against a California utility; and inundated with hundreds of lawsuits filed by blast victims who suffered injuries and lost family members or homes.

Yet despite this litany of criminal and ethical wrongdoing, one thing PG&E *cannot* be blamed for is laying this extremely dangerous, ultimately lethal pipeline through an existing residential community. The line was laid before most homes in the area were built, and most residents didn't even know it was there. That colossal error in judgment, lack of concern for public safety, or flagrant act of corporate greed is the brainchild of another public utility, Duke Energy, the \$120 billion company headquartered in Charlotte, NC. The company operates 250 miles of high pressure natural gas pipelines in Ohio and Kentucky, and wants to add a new line right through the center of Hamilton County.



On Friday April 13<sup>th</sup> 2018 – a particularly inauspicious Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> – Duke submitted supplemental documents (OTSB case number 16-253-GA-BTX) to the Ohio Power Siting Board to their original application in 2016 for a high-pressure natural gas pipeline in greater Cincinnati through 19 communities and Cincinnati neighborhoods, with a combined population of over 700,000 people.

Duke was requesting the OPSB to resume approval proceedings that have dragged out at least partly due to discovery of a Super Fund site near one of the two proposed routes. (The original application was for a 36-inch transmission line; it was reduced in size after an initial public outcry that Duke may or may not have anticipated. Many local residents believe the "concession" was planned from the beginning.)

The urban and suburban neighborhoods affected by Duke's two proposed routes (reduced from three initially) include:

- More than 40 public and private schools
- 8 hospitals or medical facilities and 5 nursing homes
- More than 40 churches and synagogues
- The premier shopping mall in greater Cincinnati
- As well as many businesses, with well over 100,000 employees, including GE Aviation and a Ford Motor Co. transmission plant.

If the proposal is approved as it stands, it would be the largest pipeline project ever approved at the state level, according to Matt Butler, public outreach manager for the Siting Board. Keep in mind that this is not just another gas main or service line distributing gas to homes and businesses. Duke's proposed Central Corridor Extension is a high-pressure 500 psi pipeline 20 inches in diameter – similar to the 30-inch line that destroyed nearly three city blocks in San Bruno. In other words, it's a *transmission* line (no matter what Duke chooses to call it), part of a nationwide high-pressure, high-capacity system for transporting natural gas thousands of miles across the country from processing facilities to local distribution networks. Extremely high pressure must be used to keep the gas flowing.

Although local and county governments have no authority in the matter, Duke's proposal has been formally opposed by the city councils of Cincinnati and many of the communities involved; by Hamilton County commissioners; by State Representative Jessica Miranda; and by residents, business owners and school boards and administrations all along the route. Duke will seek property easements requiring land to be completely cleared of all trees and landscaping for up to 100 feet, with pipe laid three to four feet underground.

Duke's claim that the routes it has proposed to the Siting Board are the best among 200 originally considered is very hard to believe. And if it *is* true, what in the world were their criteria? Public safety and human lives couldn't have been their primary consideration. In fact, as you may know, as absurd as it sounds to ordinary intelligent citizens, safety to human lives is *not* one of the primary criteria the OTSB is supposed to consider. Surely you can make it one!

Another Duke claim that strains credulity is that the pipeline is "being designed in order to increase the reliability and dependability of the natural gas delivery system in the area." But a 20-inch diameter pipeline supplying natural gas at 400 psi is enough for two million homes, while Duke has only 500,000 customer accounts in Ohio and Kentucky combined. Those opposed to the pipeline are skeptical of Duke's less than transparent long-range plans. Some think it will ultimately be part of some non-local network such as an interstate transmission system to transport gas from northeast Ohio fracking operations all the way to the Gulf Coast.

Duke's proposed 43-mile line is an extension of a pipeline constructed in 2003 to provide gas transmission from cross country pipelines to northern Hamilton County. As planned, it would connect with an existing regulator station just north of the county and run through 19 heavily populated urban and suburban areas of Cincinnati to an existing pipeline at the south end of the line.

Arguments against the pipeline have ranged from the obvious public safety problems if there were an explosion, to the loss of property values and damage to the environment and the local economy. For example, Reading, one of the communities affected, expressed concern about losing a major development grant because of the hazard the pipeline would entail. Hamilton County Commissioner Todd Portune, one of many government officials against the pipeline, pushed for Duke to inform any property owner within 2,000 feet, almost half a mile, from the pipeline. This is roughly the "blast zone" for a pipe of this size, outlined by a nonprofit organization known as the Pipeline Association for Public Awareness.

The blast zone is also termed an "incineration zone." When a 30-inch pipeline exploded in rural Salem, PA, last April it sparked a fire that left a man whose home was 500 yards from the explosion, critically burned over much of his body – not from flames but from radiant heat alone. "The heat was so intense it was burning him as he was running away," said Bob Rosatti, chief of the Forbes Road Fire Department. "I parked a quarter mile away and I couldn't get out of my truck because it was that hot." This was a house five football fields from the blast. Try to imagine the catastrophe that will ensue when (not "if") a similar explosion occurs in one of the densely populated residential neighborhoods Duke is seeking your permission to invade with their *unnecessary* pipeline. Will it be children, hospital patients, or the elderly in nursing homes trapped in an inferno that firefighters can't rescue them from?

"This is not a 'not in my backyard' issue," declares Elizabeth Rueve-Miller, one of the founders of NOPE, a local grassroots organization, Neighborhoods Opposing Pipeline Extension. "This is a 'not in *anyone's* backyard' issue." The local Sierra Club agrees. At an informal open house held by Duke in June 2016, club members passed out a flyer likening the pipeline to "a continuous oil train moving huge quantities with potentially catastrophic consequences." Duke has already been cited by OSHA for not following workplace safety

regulations and fined for a gas explosion in Lebanon, OH. North Carolina has fined Duke on multiple occasions for spilling waste into waterways.

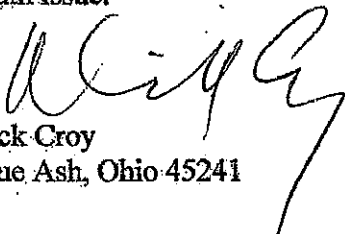
But "this is not about demonizing Duke," said Councilman P.G. Sittenfeld, who authored the resolution of opposition signed by the Cincinnati City Council to fight Duke's current options in any way possible. "We appreciate them as a major employer and business in our community. But we have a higher expectation of them that has not yet been met." The community, he said, has let Duke "know that they are trying to fit a square peg into a round hole — or rather, trying to force a massive and potentially dangerous pipeline onto densely populated residential neighborhoods."

Blue Ash resident Glenn Rosen, another founder of NOPE, said, "It's too big. It's got way too much pressure. It's intended to *transmit* gas, not distribute gas to anybody nearby here." He began organizing his neighbors in February 2016 to fight Duke's proposal. "This belongs in a rural area where there are not a lot of people." This may very well be why Duke is not considering a rural route. Why? Because it's the vulnerable people in these Cincinnati suburbs who will pay for the \$120 million pipeline.

This may not have occurred to another Blue Ash resident. "What I'm saying is, circumvent. Why go through Hamilton County? Why go through the city center when we can go around? Go into rural counties where we won't have to train a massive amount of first responders. Accidents happen, 20-30 years from now. These pipelines have life expectancies."

Yes, it could possibly be that long before history repeats itself in a San Bruno-like holocaust in northern Cincinnati. If so you would no longer be serving on the OPSB. But do you really wish to gamble on making this extraordinary miscarriage of justice, human decency and common sense your legacy? Forcing people to pay for a pipeline they don't need, that will deface or destroy hundreds of residential and commercial properties and put thousands of lives at risk is unconscionable.

Thank you for reading this letter and my plea for your heartfelt consideration of this life and death issue.

  
Dick Croy  
Blue Ash, Ohio 45241

**From:** [Puco ContactOPSB](#)  
**To:** [Puco Docketing](#)  
**Subject:** comment 16-253-GA-BTX  
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To Whom it May Concern,

Regarding case # 16-253-GA-BTX, the report filed by OPSB Staff ignore public pleas for safety and due diligence.

Your report says "Staff is aware of the high level of public interest in this project." That is an understatement.

Your statement minimizes our concerns about the risk to human lives.

You were asked to conduct a thorough independent evaluation of Duke's application in its entirety to assess need.

Where are the results of this indecent study?

You were asked to focus on human safety. Have you done that?

Whom do you serve? Duke Energy or the People?

Rebecca S. Brown

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Cincinnati, Ohio 45213

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Please consider the communities, families, people, and children this pipeline will effect. I realize it is easy to sit in Columbus, go to your non attacked communities and make decisions. But imagine for a moment that Duke was attacking your community. Threatening to put in a high pressure pipeline that would threaten your home, school, place of worship, in short your everyday world. Then imagine if you can the government body who should be protecting you seeming to side with big business. Not taking into consideration your life or even the lives of your children. Can you even begin to imagine that. Because that is exactly what you are doing to my family and the many others who live in Hamilton county. Please do not do this to us. Imagine if you can how you would feel, what you would want. In shirt use your power to protect the people. Be our super hero!!

Bess Sturgill

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Ohio Power Siting Board:

I'm writing as a very concerned resident of the Ridgewood neighborhood located along proposed and unnecessary Duke pipeline. I am the mother of two sweet boys, ages 8 and 10, and continue to be scared for their safety and the welfare of my neighbors. If you see your decision making role as being responsive to citizens and our heightened concerns, please listen carefully to NOPE and the independent assessments of Duke proposals. Imagine it's your neighborhood, your elementary school children, your home.

Thanks for listening,  
Dawn Freudenberg

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We are extremely concerned about the installation of the pipeline in our community.  
Please consider the safety and health of our families and our little children for now and for the future!

We do not want this pipeline installed!

Yosef and Tova Alt

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Hello,

I am emailing to express my strong opposition to Duke's proposed pipelines through very highly populated residential and business areas. People live and work in these areas. The proposed pipelines would run through areas where there are homes, schools, hospitals, malls. Recently, a pipeline that was placed in the Boston area exploded and homes blew up! Please do not allow these pipelines to be placed in these highly populated areas. Duke can reroute these pipelines in areas much less populated. I do not think any members of the siting board would want these pipelines placed in their front yard. It is really shameful that Duke would even consider placing these pipelines through these very heavily populated areas! I bet none of Duke's executives live in these areas! Thank you.

Marna Strindberg

Evendale, Ohio resident



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From Blue Ash Ohio: just made aware that the Ohio public siting board is somehow ignorant of the myriad communities concerns and objections to Duke energy's desired large caliber and high-pressure natural gas pipeline to be run through any one of two routes both of which involve heavily populated urban areas. Seriously what the hell are they thinking and what are you people thinking to even consider such an insane project. I made it makes zero sense other than for Duke to make some money possibly at the expense of peoples lives for which they and apparently the siting board also could care less. You people know all the specifics about the risks and the history of many of these ventures so you don't need me to review them with you, so keeping it simple understand that no decision other than refusal to allow either of the requested routes is acceptable, period. Cut the bullshit and just tell them they can't do it. If they want a pipeline tell him to spend the extra bucks and lay it far enough outside the beltway in sparsely if it all populated areas. Would any of you like the same pipeline to be laid in front of one of your houses or schools or place of employment? Of course not. So just tell them NOPE !!!!!!!

Stuart Steinberg

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To whom it may concern:

Please prevent a dangerous pipeline from going through our neighborhood where my husband and I live with our three children, ages 6, 8 and 10.

We live in Amberley Village. Our children go to school in the Jewish Montessori school inside of Golf Manor Synagogue. The pipeline can put us all at risk.

Please say that there is no need for this.

We are planning to put solar panels on our roof. Our community has enough energy to go around from what Duke already provides. We don't need the risk of a large gas pipeline blowing up, Heaven forbid.

If you really believe that there is a need for this pipeline please route under your houses so that only the people who are desiring it put themselves at risk and not anyone else.

We believe its only Purpose is to route gas to another state. We don't need it

Thank you,

Elana and Paul Plotsker

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I was disappointed to read the OPSB's Revised Report. You are clearly not listening to the public's concerns regarding the pipeline, and are hiding behind doublespeak.

We are not merely interested in the project. We are gravely concerned for the safety of our community. This is a very real concern. Human lives are at stake. Pipelines like the one proposed explode all the time, no matter how well they're designed, constructed, or maintained. They are usually placed in rural areas for a good reason, not run through densely populated communities like ours.

You need to put yourselves in our place. What if this pipeline was installed next to your house? Would you feel safe?

We are asking you to do your due diligence.

REQUEST #1: Conduct a thorough, independent evaluation of Duke's application in its entirety. Particular emphasis on whether Duke has adequately demonstrated need and whether their proposed pipeline is the most responsible, financially prudent and effective solution to address Duke's stated need.

REQUEST #2: Focus on human safety when considering Duke's application and case. Evaluate all alternatives for meeting Duke's stated needs with safety as a primary consideration. Alternatives include renewable energy.

We deserve better. We will bear all of the burdens from whatever is put in place, for decades to come.

Mary Ann Kindel

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As a homeowner in Amberley Village, I am concerned by the seeming lack of seriousness the siting board is displaying when determining the future of Duke's pipeline. Please do due diligence.

Thank you  
Berish Edelman

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We are extremely concerned about the safety of our community. We have been following this case since it's beginning and are not convinced that Duke has any real need for this transmission line. We feel that our property and lives will be endangered if this goes forward.

We ask that you do a thorough investigation into the need for this project and not just take Duke's word. We also ask that community safety be your top priority.

Thank you,  
Anthony and Joan Boiano  
9528 Bluewing Terrace  
Blue Ash, OH. 45241  
513.328.9099

Sent from my iPhone

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As a resident of Blue Ash, Ohio I would like to express my deep concern and disappointment in the recently released revised report on the Duke Pipeline. Let me be frank, I don't care about the publicity and eyeballs on this story, I simply believe that you need to do the right thing which is to protect the general public from unsafe situations - THIS ONE.

This proposed pipeline by Duke has so many health and safety concerns. It's difficult to believe this is absolutely necessary or the most responsible solution. Isn't human safety the primary consideration? Duke has business goals and objectives in their primary best interest, not public safety. That's your responsibility. I am asking you to do your part and protect us from the potentially highly dangerous situation.

Alison Margello

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I live in Hamilton County in Cincinnati Ohio. I am a current customer of Duke.  
I would like to protest having this pipeline running thru urban neighborhoods due to the potential for catastrophic danger in the event of a pipeline malfunction.

Leslie Zucker  
Cincinnati Ohio 45242

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Against pipeline.

Derek JOHNSON



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Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

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

No, No, No! Not only is this NOT safe and dangerous, but quite expensive!!! Why not be pro-active and concentrate on solar and wind power instead of dangerous gas power!!!

I am a homeowner in Madisonville, not too far from the proposed pipeline. What is this going to do to the environment? Housing prices? Property taxes? Safety and noise? What's going to happen if - and when - this pipeline leaks or explodes?

Please do NOT think about the money and profits. Instead, think of the people living here, and the environment!!!

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,  
Jackie Heinitz

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Please investigate the need for this huge, high pressure pipeline. Don't just accept Duke's application at face value. I believe that with your through research it will be apparent that Duke's South Western Ohio Customers will not need nearly the gas this 20" pipeline will transport for many years to come. How will they use all the excess gas this pipeline will bring to this service area? Please review all the routes Duke has proposed. A huge, high pressure pipe with many 90 degree bends. For what reason? This looks like a huge corporate power grab to me. Why do they need the pipeline? Because as a transportation company more volume equates to more profit. Well as the regulators of Public Utilities I guess it is up to you folks. I hope you will consider protecting the public that you represent. We don't want this pipeline. Thank you for your consideration.

Ann Feldman 

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