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From: Martinette Shelton <martinetteshelton@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2019 9:44 AM
To: Trombold, Beth; lydia.mihalik@develepment.ohio.gov; Acton, Amy; Ellis, Connie; Stevenson, Laurie; Mertz, Mary
Subject: Duke Energy high pressure gas line

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Sent: Friday, March 22, 2019 9:25 PM
To: Ellis, Connie
Subject: Ohio Power Siting Board

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King, Sarah

From: Schmuelling Rob <roschmug@cinci.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 11:35 AM
To: Ellis, Connie
Subject: Duke Central Corridor Pipeline Application

Dear Ms Pelanda,

I am writing you today because I am very concerned about Duke Energy's Central Corridor Pipeline Project Application (Case # 16-253-GA-BTX) that is before the OPSB at this time.

These are my concerns:

1. **Do we really need this pipeline?**—Duke has not adequately addressed the need for this 500PSI pipeline. Our area's population is declining with stagnant projections for natural gas use.
I suggest that we need an independent objective assessment to quantity the need for the pipeline for the local region.

2. **Will the project be safe?**—Safety of the residents must be paramount in the consideration of the application. Given the high pressure and size of the pipeline, this poses a potential risk of a devastating explosion. The pipeline would traverse densely populated areas close by schools, homes, businesses, and places of worship. And there have been several instances of pipeline explosions on newly constructed high pressure pipelines such as this one so no line is 100% safe. The blast zone would be 900 feet on either side of the line!

3. **How will the pipeline affect me and my family?** — Construction will be intrusive and create many transportation issues in the area. Many homeowners would have the pipeline close to their house due to the route that Duke has proposed. And how can we ever really feel safe when traveling or living near the pipeline?

4. **Costs**— Duke's customers in the region will be footing the bill for the pipeline project without seeing a benefit. We already pay the highest natural gas rates in the state.

In summary, we need to step back and really consider if this project is worth the risk and cost for this region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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From: rbrown86@cinci.rr.com
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 2:00 PM
To: Stevenson, Laurie; Mertz, Mary; Mihalik, Lydia; Acton, Amy; Ellis, Connie; Trombold, Beth
Subject: #16-253-GA-BTX Duke Pipeline - Town Meeting

Dear voting members of the Ohio Power Siting Board, What a disappointment to not have you present at the Public Hearing held on Thursday, March21 in Cincinnati, Ohio.
Hopefully your absence is not an indication of a lack of interest in this matter of grave concern to citizens of Hamilton County.
As you were not able to be at the hearing, it is my hope that you will watch the video, listen to the audio, and read the letters of those who so desperately wanted to be heard.
Hopefully you will be able to hear, read, and feel the fear, tears, concerns, anger, and frustrations that were shared at this meeting.
The citizens of Hamilton County do not want to be put at risk by Duke Energy. The citizens of Hamilton County do not believe that there is a need for this pipeline.
The citizens of Hamilton County do not have faith in the ability of Duke Energy to maintain this pipeline.The citizens of Hamilton County do not want the pollution that this pipeline can spread.
Please listen to the citizens of Hamilton County. Say no to the pipeline!
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King, Sarah

From: Mary Rinsky <mvrphd@fuse.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 3:44 PM
To: Ellis, Connie
Subject: Duke's Central Corridor Pipeline

Dear Ms. Pelanda:

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Thank you.
Sincerely,
Mary and Mark Rinsky

From: Ohio Power Siting Board
To: Puco Docketing
Subject: comment 16-0253 [ref:_00Dt0GzXt._500t0GHeME:ref]
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 12:28:45 PM

Dear Ms. Mertz,

I am greatly concerned about the proposed Duke pipeline in Cincinnati, Ohio Hamilton County. I live in Evendale, only ¼ mile from Reading Rd which is on the proposed route.

This route goes along a densely populated area, which includes churches, schools and recreation centers in addition to residential areas.

I do not want this huge gas pipeline going through our neighborhood. There are many instances in which these pipelines have exploded causing death and destruction in unsuspecting neighborhoods.

I have discovered that those who sit on the OPSB are relatively new appointees. Please review the proposal thoroughly to see if this is actually the most safe and efficient solution. Please keep in mind public safety!

Many lives are depending on you to take your job seriously and not just rubber stamp what Duke wants.

Apparently Duke wants a Cadillac solution to the problem where a Chevrolet solution would suffice.

In addition, Duke does not have the most pristine record as far as environmental concerns go. Please listen to the people and do not just take Duke's word for it.

I urge you to listen to us. We are very afraid for the safety of ourselves, our children and our grandchildren.

Sincerely,

Connie Bishop

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Cincinnati,Oh 45241

From: Ohio Power Siting Board
To: Puco Docketing
Subject: comment 16-0253 [ref:_00Dt0GzXt._500t0GHePP:ref]
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 12:30:01 PM

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To: Puco Docketing
Subject: public comment 16-0253 [ref:_00Dt0GzXt._500t0GHhP1:ref]
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 1:11:59 PM

Hello: I am a resident of the area that would be affected by this project, and urge you NOT to approve it. There are numerous safety issues with a pipeline this size, and Duke has never made a convincing case that local energy needs are driving its construction. I have seen first hand their inability to answer basic questions in public forums as well - they clearly want this pipeline, but don't actually need it, and are therefore saying whatever they can to make it happen. I expect that you will reject their proposal as both unnecessary and dangerous, which the facts make clear. Thank you for your consideration - I'll look forward to your decision.

Nat Chaitkin

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Mr. Lance Himes
246 North High Street, P.O. Box 118
Columbus, OH 43215

PLEASE

March 14, 2019

RE: **Case Number 16-0253-GA-BTX,** Duke Energy's Central Corridor Pipeline Proposal

Dear Mr Himes:

PLEASE attend the OPSB's Public Hearing next Thursday, March 21 on the matter of the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension, Case Number 16-0253-GA-BTX, in Blue Ash, Ohio.

The last OPSB public hearing on the matter of the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension took place on June 15, 2017. **NOT ONE VOTING MEMBER from the Ohio Power Siting Board bothered to attend.** This dereliction of duty sent a rather clear message that OSB members at that time did not intend to give any real consideration to the public interest.

We are not talking about opposition from a few "not in my backyard" residents. There is overwhelming public outcry from the community as a whole. There is, in fact, strong opposition by the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, as well as the communities of Amberley, Blue Ash, Columbia Township, Deer Park, Evendale, Golf Manor, Madeira, Pleasant Ridge, Reading, and Sycamore Township!

As an OPSB board member, you have a responsibility to go beyond "rubber stamping" corporate proposals. Please attend the hearing on March 21 so you can appreciate the reasons for serious, widespread, and long-standing public opposition to the pipeline extension. I listened to 7 hours of testimony during the last public hearing -- ranging from well-informed factual and technical analysis of need and alternatives to the pipeline to heart-wrenching testimony from people who will suffer in many ways from a large pipeline being placed VERY near to their homes, schools, churches, synagogues, and workplaces.

PLEASE attend to hear why the proposed pipeline is NOT NECESSARY -- less intrusive alternatives exist -- and how horrendously offensive Duke's proposal is to the vast majority of residents of Hamilton County. PLEASE DO NOT ABANDON YOUR NEIGHBORS TO THE SOUTH!!!

With sincere and humble pleas for your help,

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March 15, 2019
Case #: 16-0253-GA-BTX

Dear Ms. M. Beth Trombold,

I am opposed to the pipeline. It is not necessary and it is dangerous. Additionally to install a pipeline of this size in a densely populated area is irresponsible. Every day we hear of pipeline failures. A failure in this pipeline would be very costly in terms of deaths and harm to people, property and businesses.

I live within 30 feet of the proposed green pipeline and I feel Duke is playing Russian roulette with my life and property. Not only are they endangering my life, placing an economic burden on me, and destroying my environment, they expect me to pay for it!

Please insist upon an independent and thorough evaluation of Duke's application, bases for need and available alternatives. Do not let Duke choose and/or pay for the third party auditor.

Thank you for any and all help you can give.

Sincerely,
Ann Feldman

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Green Line

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