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Dear Sir or Madam:

As a resident of Cincinnati, I would like to comment on Case #16-0253-GA-BTX; Duke Central Corridor Extension Gas Pipeline. I have lived in Cincinnati for most of my 72 years, and I am concerned about the two proposed routes. I think there is a substantial problem with using either of them.

When this proposal was first aired, I heard a spokeswoman for Duke Energy say the pipeline area would be only about four feet wide.

That statement was correct for the completed pipeline. The problem is that, while under construction, the area affected is a good deal more than four feet. Based upon the photos I have seen over the years of pipelines under construction, I would conclude that an area of perhaps forty or fifty yards wide would be affected. I have enclosed three photos to illustrate my point.

The first two photos show gas pipeline construction in a rural area. Compared to laying gas pipeline in an urban area, doing so in a rural area would cause less damage to home owners and businesses.

The third photos shows gas pipeline construction in an affluent neighborhood, where the lots are very large. Damage in such neighborhoods would be less significant than in less affluent neighborhoods where the lots would be much, much smaller.

And that is the nub of the problem as I see it. Some of the neighborhoods where the pipeline is proposed to be built have homes on 50' x 125' lots. I don't see how such a pipeline could be constructed without tearing up aprons, sidewalks, front yards, as well as various utility lines. Residential streets would have to be torn up in whole or in part for this proposed construction. The lives of the people in such neighborhoods would be turned upside down, all for a pipeline that is probably intended to carry natural gas to areas many, many miles away. The people of these affected neighborhoods would face serious disruptions of their lives just so Duke could save some money by not building a pipeline that goes around the Cincinnati area instead of through it. Businesses would likewise face disruptions if they, too, were in the path of the pipeline.

I would urge you to reject Duke's proposal for these reasons.

I appreciate whatever consideration you can give to my point.

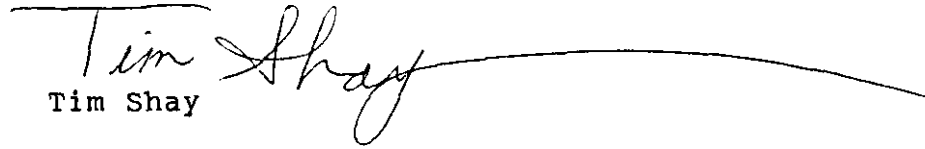
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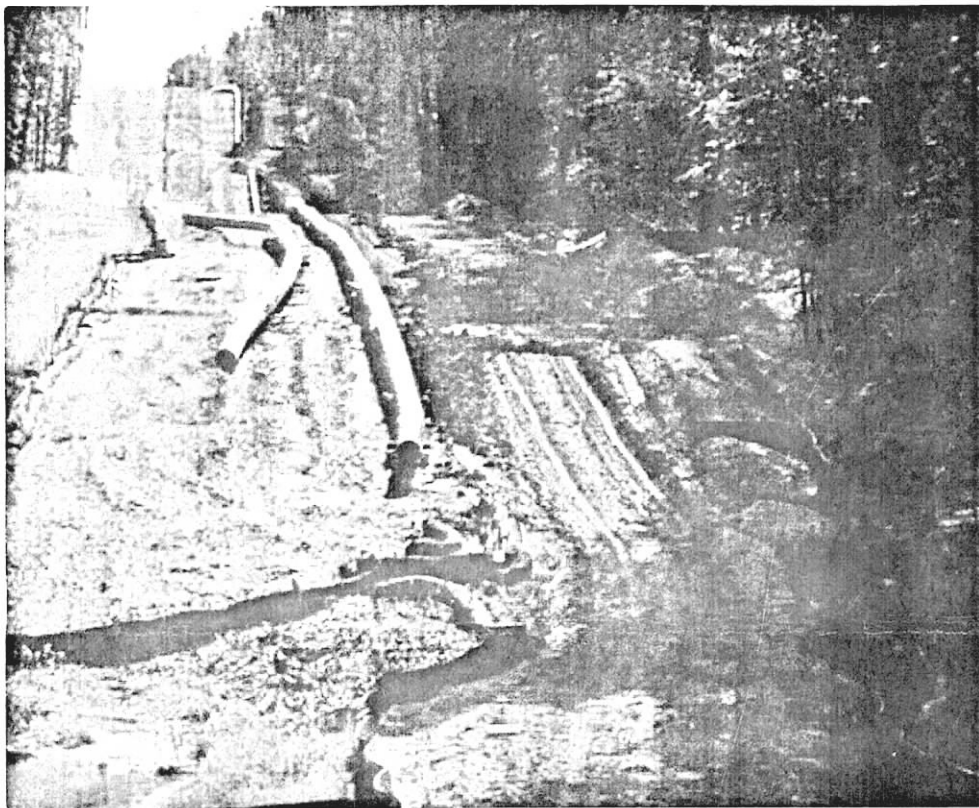
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Shay". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name "Tim Shay". A long, horizontal, slightly wavy line extends from the end of the signature across the page.

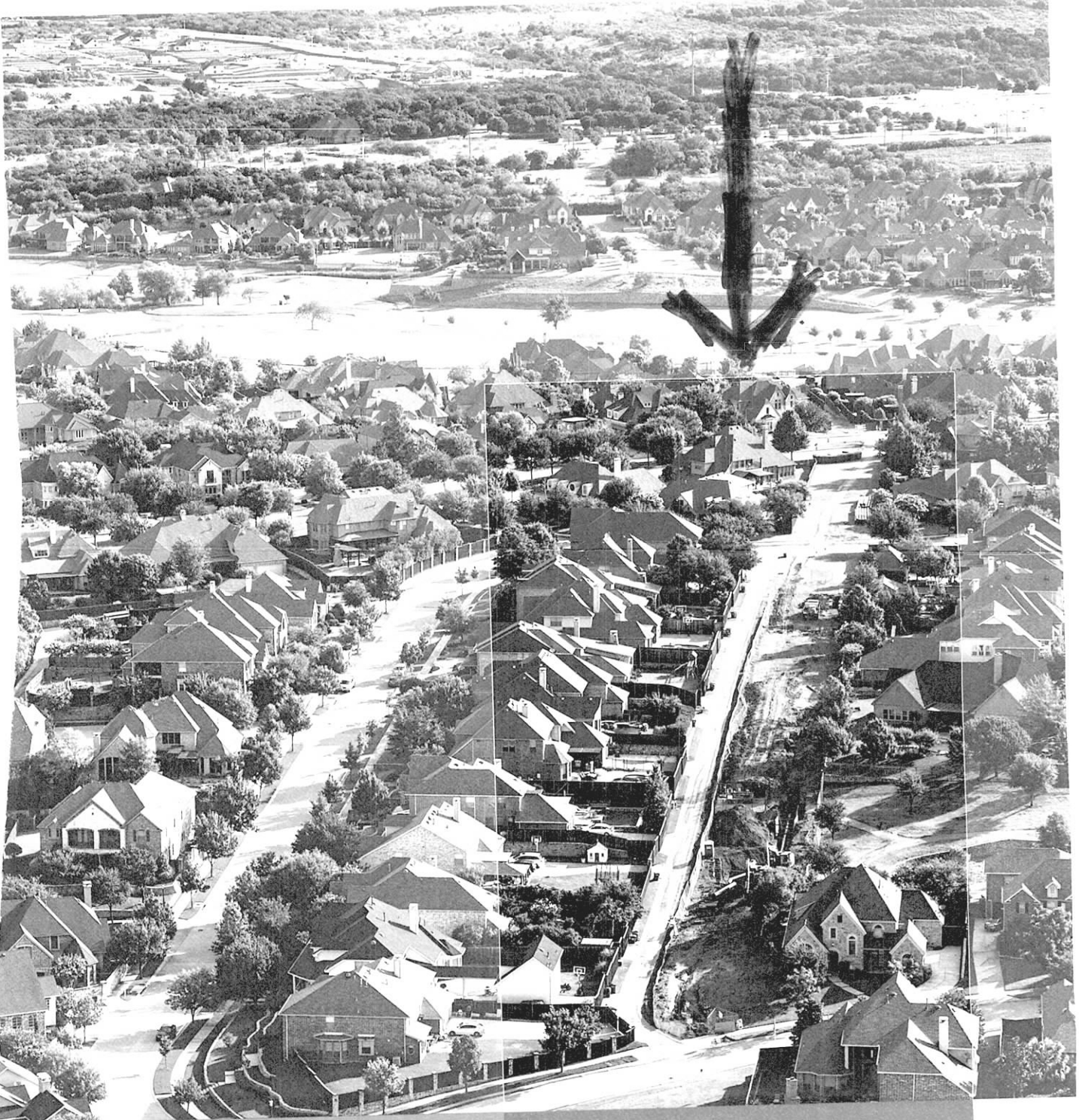
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Attachments



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