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**OHIO DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE
ADMINISTRATION**

March 25, 2019

Dorothy Pelanda, Director OH Department of Agriculture
8995 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

Dear Director Pelanda,

I am writing to express my deep concern and disappointment that no voting member of the Ohio Siting Board attended the Public Hearing concerning the natural gas transmission line proposed by Duke Energy to extend through a high consequence, high population density sector of Hamilton County. I am under the impression that we live in a democracy and that elected and appointed government officials have a responsibility to listen to the voices of Ohio citizens. During the five hour Public Hearing, mechanical engineers, chemical engineers, school principals, teachers, physicians, nurses, business owners, and a wide range of citizens presented their concerns about the Central Corridor Natural Gas Line Extension, project 16-253-GA-BTX. It was clear that:

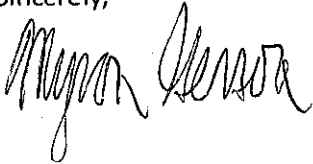
- 1) Duke Energy has not established a need for a 20", 500 psi gas transmission line for the needs of the citizens of Hamilton County. The population of Hamilton County has decreased by 12% since 1970. Replacement of a functioning, recently refurbished backup propane facility, for which future upgrades are available if needed, is not a credible explanation for requiring a high capacity new transmission line.
- 2) Duke Energy has not provided a compelling argument concerning the structural integrity for the proposed pipeline. An engineer presented data at the Public Hearing indicating that the thickness of pipe for a 20" line is not adequate for the proposed pressure that the gas line will carry. Other concerns were expressed related to the stability of the ground in the proposed pipeline location. A citizen provided photographs of two very large, very deep sinkholes in close proximity to the proposed pipeline route. According to page 133 of the Ohio State Hazard Mitigation Plan, Hamilton County is one of the highest risk counties in Ohio for landslides. In addition, the proposed pipeline runs next to train routes that will result in vibration that may adversely impact pipeline integrity. I found a reference that the Federal Government has found that disruption of high-pressure natural gas transmission lines usually results in pipeline rupture, rather than leaks, suggesting that the public can have little reassurance by Duke Energy's program of pipeline surveillance to detect gas leaks.
- 3) The financial impact of the pipeline on the residents of Hamilton County is already severe. People who live along the proposed transmission pipeline route, trying to sell their houses, have already experienced difficulty selling their houses or have had to accept large decreases in their selling prices.

Hamilton County residents will be compelled to support the pipeline financially with increased utility costs, and increased homeowner and business insurance costs. The pipeline will damage our communities. The proposed pipeline routes are in very close proximity to a major hospital, a very large, busy shopping mall, churches, businesses, and multiple schools. In addition to the obvious risk of loss of citizen's lives, a fire or explosion could have devastating and long-lasting effects on our vibrant communities.

4) The lack of a compelling case by Duke Energy that a transmission line is needed by or will benefit the citizens of Hamilton County raises the question of what the real purpose of this transmission line is. I ask the Siting Board, would Duke Energy proceed with the pipeline extension, if the Siting Board approval were contingent on Duke Energy signing a binding legal agreement not to extend the pipeline to a transmission pipeline outside of the state of Ohio in the future?

5) Finally, I understand that the Ohio Power Siting Board is not tasked with considerations of safety. The neighborhood that I live in includes Edwin Greene Middle School. Edwin Greene Middle School is within the perimeter of anticipated fatalities if the pipeline ruptures and explodes. Potentially hundreds of children would lose their lives. From 1/1/10 to 11/14/18 there were 2,003 natural gas line incidents in the United States, resulting in 116 fatalities, 572 injuries, 27,081 evacuees, 696 fires, 277 explosions, and \$1.5 billion dollars in property damage. In my view as a physician and a citizen, it is irrelevant whether safety is within the purview of the Ohio Siting Board. Being a member of the Board does not absolve individual Board members of their responsibility as public servants and individual human beings to address the safety of Ohio children and adult citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Myron Gerson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Myron" and last name "Gerson" clearly distinguishable.

Myron C. Gerson MD

King, Sarah

From: Steve <sfrisby0@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 11:15 AM
To: Ellis, Connie
Subject: To Dorothy Pelanda -- My views on the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension

I am opposed to the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension project in Hamilton County as proposed. The case number is 16-253-GA-BTX. I do not believe that Duke Energy has adequately shown that the new pipeline is needed. Could it be that they are really just trying to grow their business as a natural gas transmission company?

I am asking that you please closely review the proposal that Duke Energy has presented to see if they have demonstrated that their Hamilton County customers do indeed require the huge amounts of natural gas this pipeline will provide. It is my understanding that the additional supply is not necessary since the natural gas demands in the area are actually predicted to fall in the coming years.

There certainly are safety concerns too. According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (Division of Geological Survey), "[t]he Cincinnati area has one of the highest per-capita costs due to landslide damage of any city in the United States." Also, if you compare the diabolical plan to bomb the World Trade Center in New York City using our own commercial jets against us, a terrorist's gaining access to a backhoe or excavator to damage the huge pipeline to cause a catastrophic explosion seems relatively simple.

If you do eventually ascertain that the pipeline is needed, I request that you determine that the planned route(s) for that pipeline are the safest for people and the environment. It doesn't seem logical that the ideal route would pass through densely populated, established neighborhoods with numerous businesses, schools and even mature trees which can never be replaced. Perhaps there is a better course the pipeline could take -- it might be a longer path, but a more sensible one for the vast majority of people who are being affected by the current plan.

As a member of the Ohio Power Siting Board, I urge you to attend the public hearing so that you can listen to the concerns of the citizens. This will give you the opportunity to hear firsthand about the facts concerning why the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension is not needed as proposed. The hearing is Thursday, March 21, in Muntz Hall at the University of Cincinnati - Blue Ash.

Please give this case a thorough and objective evaluation. Ensure that a 20-inch, 500 psi pipeline is the most responsible, financially prudent and effective solution to address Duke Energy's stated claim.

Thank you,
Steve Frisby

M. Beth Trombold, Interim Chair
Ohio Department of Agriculture
8995 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

Re: Duke Energy's Central Corridor Pipeline

Dear Ms. Trombold:

I am a resident of Evendale, Ohio, a retired public school teacher and currently work at the Children's Dyslexia Center in Norwood, Ohio. This letter is in opposition to Duke's intent to uproot roads and businesses in northern Hamilton County.

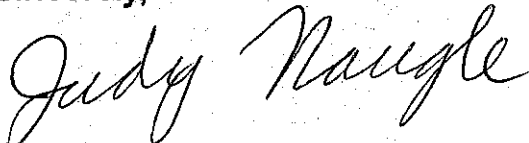
As newly appointed public servants on the Ohio Siting Board, it is my humble hope that you will approach this responsibility with thought and respect for human life.

These are my reasons for opposing this misguided project:

1. Duke has no experience routing high pressurized pipelines through densely populated areas.
2. Declining population in our area does not support an additional need for natural gas.
3. Since the pipeline extends farther south and beyond Ohio, we know this supply is not intended for the citizens it will impact, both safety wise or economically.
4. Each route goes through neighborhoods and businesses which stand to lose both home equity and customer base during and after construction. Some pending sales are already on hold due to buyers wary of living near a potentially dangerous pipeline.
5. Soil in Cincinnati is greatly impacted by the numerous rains and is vulnerable to frequent landslides. A sinkhole just opened up in a cemetery right near the yellow site.
6. Each proposed path is near active railroad lines which see activity every day.
7. The orange route is next to Jewish Hospital, a large health facility that is an anchor in Kenwood. Directly across from the hospital is Cincinnati's only thriving shopping mall which attracts lots of shoppers.

8. The yellow route travels next to a public school, two churches, and on to Reading Road which is a main thoroughfare connecting numerous communities. It is also the site of a former Superfund and railroad.
9. Traffic through both areas is heavy and congested during both morning and afternoon rush hours.
10. Duke cannot provide assurance its high pressure pipeline can be problem free because realistically monitoring it must be done both above and below the ground.
11. Safety issues involving such projects have a bad record and those explosions have happened in sparsely populated areas. Just imagine what an explosion can do in any of these areas.
12. Rampant opposition has been active since 2016, and having attended informational meetings, I've seen representatives from all communities present to voice opposition as well.
13. To me, this decision seems to whittle down to people's lives versus big money. Hopefully the people will win.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Naugle". The signature is fluid and written in dark ink.

Judy Naugle
10644 Margate Terrace
Cincinnati, OH 45241

Dorothy Pelanda, Director OH Dept. of Agriculture

I am opposed to the current routing of the Duke Central Corridor Pipeline. My home is at 108 Columbia Ave., about 150 feet from the pipeline route on Market Street. I have lived in Reading my entire life and have many friend and relatives in our proud little city. I am not a person inclined to speak out and tend to rely on our government to keep her citizens safe from things like this pipeline. I did not choose to testify, but I was at the March 23, 2019 OPSB Hearing and felt shame that not one of the OPSB Board Members bothered to be there. What you have all done here goes against everything I have believed our government stands for. The People!!!! I cannot believe a corporation has so much power that it can push back the government's only true purpose, to protect her people!

All of my friends and relative are opposed to this pipeline. Why don't you care about us? Are we expendable because we aren't rich???? Does our opinion and feelings not matter????? Please, please, please,,,,,,,,,

I hope you at least read this,

Dale Morgan

Dale Morgan
108 Columbia Avenue
Reading, OH 45215

"Green Route"

108 W. Columbia Ave,
Reading, OH
45215

Dorothy Pelanda
Director OH Dept of Agriculture
8995 East Main St.
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March 14, 2019

Governor Mike DeWine
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-6117

RE: Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project - Case No. 16-253-GA-BTX

Dear Governor DeWine:

On behalf of the Village of Golf Manor Council, residents and business owners, I am writing to you regarding the proposed Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project (Case No. 16-253-GA-BTX). We understand the project is designed to bring an increased volume of natural gas into Southwest Ohio. While we understand this goal, as well as the need to continuously improve the utility service infrastructure, we remain concerned that the proposed, preferred route by the Power Siting Board, will be located in our densely populated neighborhood.

In Golf Manor, this project will be disruptive to properties impacted in both the short and the long term. We and our constituents are concerned about the safety issues related to this natural gas pipeline as well as the proposed removal of trees and proposed barriers and future serviceability of land acquired in impacted areas.

We would remind our elected officials, the Ohio Power Siting Board, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and Duke Energy that lower median income, smaller urban communities, such as Golf Manor, work diligently to contain expense for taxpayers while providing critical services. A project of this magnitude will not only disrupt the peace of the community during construction, but will leave Golf Manor with the responsibility, cost, and aftermath of managing any catastrophic event that may take place due to the failure of Duke Energy's pipeline.

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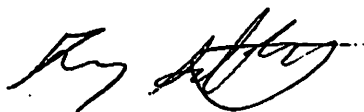
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Finally, as the Board, PUCO and Duke Energy decide what best routes will be taken, we encourage you to consider the financial impact this project will have on residential and business property values, property insurance rates and the quality of life in the Village for our residents.

I strongly encourage the Ohio Power Siting Board, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and Duke Energy to reevaluate the Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project and find better alternatives that do not rip apart the fabric of our densely populated and settled community in the heart of Hamilton County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Greg Schwartzberg

Mayor

Village of Golf Manor, OH



Great Village.

CC: Brittney Colvin



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Mary Mertz, Director
Ohio Department of Natural Resources
20145 Morse Road, Bldg. D-3
Columbus, OH 43229

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ODNR Director's Office

RE: Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project - Case No. 16-253-GA-BTX

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Greg Schwartzberg

Mayor

Village of Golf Manor, OH



16-253-GA-BTX

CINCINNATI VOGUE

Dear Ms. Metz,

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Please listen to the
people of Hamilton County -
the purpose of the
pipeline is for profit -
not for people! It is
not safe. Please say no to
Duke!

CC: Brittney Colvin

Mary Mertz

2045 Morse Rd. Bldg D-3

Columbus, OH 43229

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Rebecca Brown
2862 Losantiridge Ave
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Sincerely,

Rebecca Brown

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POSTCARDS FROM VOGUE: 100 ICONIC COVERS
PUBLISHED BY PENGUIN

CC: Brittney Colvin

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To: Mary Mertz, Director OH DNR; Member, Ohio Power Siting Board

From: Edith Neusner

79 Carpenters Ridge

Blue Ash, Ohio 45241

I am writing to inform you and other members of the Ohio Power Siting Board of my extreme concern about the human and financial impact of a proposed Duke Energy project that may result in a high-pressure gas transmission pipeline through my neighborhood.

I live, walk, drive and shop less than a mile from both proposed routes of the pipeline. My neighbors send their children to schools along the routes. There are medical facilities, shops, gas stations, parks and playfields along the routes. We all know that residents and contractors are not entirely reliable about checking before they dig to plant trees, repair foundations and parking lots, install decorative fixtures such as fountains or commercial signs in residential or commercial areas. Even the utility companies that have worked in my neighborhood tend to make errors, damaging the lines of other utilities. Such an error in the case of a high-pressure gas pipeline could be a huge life-threatening disaster! We have been told that your commission is only concerned about nature and land use, such as trees. Please, also think about people!

We are also very concerned about the property value of our fine homes and businesses. A dangerous pipeline passing through the densely populated and commercially active areas of my lovely suburban city, Blue Ash, could frighten away home buyers, apartment renters and commercial development. That's a devastating blow to residents and business owners.

Please help us stop this unnecessary project that will endanger the citizens of Hamilton County!

Sincerely yours,



Representatives of R.N. R-
Would you want a high pressure
gas pipeline in your neighborhood?

CC: Brittney Colvin ✓

To: Mary Mertz, Director OH DNR; Member, Ohio Power Siting Board

From: Miriam Warshauer Cohen

84 Carpenters Ridge

Blue Ash, Ohio 45241

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Sincerely yours,

Miriam Warshauer-Cohen

CC: Brittney Colvin

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ODNR Director's Office

March 17, 2019
Case # 16-0253-GA-BTX
Green Line

Dear Mary Mertz, Director OH DNR,

The route of the Duke Central Corridor Pipeline through Reading, Ohio makes no sense at all. It goes past Pristine, a Federal Superfund Site. Then (2) two potential grey fields, Dow/ PMC Chemical, a former Chemical Production Facility, and Rosemont Industries, a former metal plating, galvanizing, and powder coating facility. It passes our city stadium, the public pool, baseball and soccer fields, and our fieldhouse. Directly south begins a densely populated residential area. It then makes at least (7) seven 90 degree turns winding through residential streets while going 90 feet from (2) two gas stations, and past 130 homes and small businesses. This doesn't include all the homes and businesses that would be destroyed 3 to 4 blocks around the point of explosion. All this disruption and risk just to install this 20"x 500psi gas transmission line less than (1) one mile southward. This routing looks more like a paving project than a pathway for a huge gas transmission line.

By Duke's own documents the vast majority of pipeline explosions are caused by third party contractor doing excavating work near a gas pipeline. In front of my home on Market St. there are already (6) six underground utility pipelines plus (4) four taps into every home. Most of these pipes are very old and subject to leakage. This is a maze of pipes that Duke wants to squeeze a 20"x 500psi gas transmission line into. The small City of Reading's water department reported 43 pipeline repairs in 2018.

When one of these aging pipelines develop a leak and the repairing backhoe operator accidentally punctures the Duke Transmission Line, how much death and destruction will you have caused by approving this line?

Please stop this routing, it belongs in a rural area, but first please make sure Duke's pipeline is even necessary.

Sincerely,



Justin Feldman
1415 Market St.
Reading, OH 45215
(513)563-2333

Dear Ms. Mary Metz,

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 of 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 line 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 (not want) and available alternatives. Do not let Duke choose and/or pay for the third party auditor.

Thank you for any and all help you give.

Sincerely,

Ann Feldman

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1415 Market St.

Reading, OH 45215

Green Line

CC: Brittney Colvin

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ODNR Director's Office

March 17, 2019

Case #: 16-0253-GA-BTX

Dear Ms. Mary Mertz, Director OH DNR,

I am opposed to the Central Corridor Pipeline. It is dangerous to people and it is unnecessary.

Please request an objective assessment of Duke's case with concern for human safety. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



Patricia Y. Dilbert
1511 Market Street
Reading, Ohio 45215

Green Line Resident

CC: Brittney Colvin ✓

Robert J. Wight
87 Carpenters Ridge
Blue Ash, Ohio 45241

March 17, 2019

Mary Mertz
2045 Morse Road, Bldg D-3
Columbus, OH 43229

OPSB Case Number: 16-0253-GA-BTX

Dear Mary Mertz,

My name is Robert Wight and I am a resident of Blue Ash Ohio living at the above address. My property is about 4,400 feet from the proposed Green Route of the Duke Energy Central Corridor Pipeline.

As someone who is privileged to the workings of the Ohio Power Siting Board, please make sure that the pipeline Duke is proposing is safe for the areas surrounding the pipeline. This proposed high-pressured natural gas pipeline puts schools, hospitals, day care centers, places of worships and thousands of homes at risk.

As a public servant, please ask yourself if this pipeline is necessary. Duke already has viable ways to serve the energy needs in our area and the future of our country is moving away from fossil fuels. Even Duke's model for how much gas we need is excessive according to other analysis. It is the duty of the Public Utilities Commission to seek out projections for future gas usage from a non partisan company other than the Duke Energy Corporation.

Please understand that this proposed pipeline would greatly affect our environment. The construction of this pipeline would be digging up to 80 feet of clearance, in the front yards of some homes, and removing mature trees. Please consider that the environmental impact will permanently affect our area. Once the pipeline is in place, homeowners are not allowed to plant trees or even gardens near the pipeline. Those of us living in this area want to make sure that someone who has the power to change our landscape and who does not live here, fully understands this project.

Duke Energy will pass on the cost of this unnecessary pipeline to its consumers. I urge you to consider the safety, environmental impact, cost and if this pipeline is truly necessary. It would be best for the public for the Ohio Power Siting Board to reject both of the proposed pipeline routes as submitted by Duke Energy's application process.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Wight

CC: Brittney Colvin

Margaret F. Wight
87 Carpenters Ridge
Blue Ash, Ohio 45241

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Mary Mertz
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2045 Morse Road, Bldg d-3
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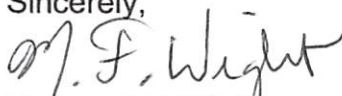
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