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Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

We did not feel we would be writing again concerning Duke's Central Corridor Pipeline once we found out at the Columbus, Ohio OPSB hearings on June 9th, 10th and 11th, that letters are simply scanned into the case file by Matt Butler and for the most part never read. This confirms our belief that Duke's power and money will give them what they want with no respect or concern for people's safety.. Unfortunately the pipeline has been shifted to the poorest, least educated, and lowest socioeconomic route. It runs 2 ½ miles directly west on a north to south pipeline route, bringing it to the most northern tip of Reading and exiting at the most southern tip of Reading.

Amy Spiller, President Duke Energy Ohio and Kentucky, has stated Duke always follows every state regulation. Unfortunately, there are no regulations concerning public safety. To address safety, Duke hired Bruce Pasket, a pipeline expert from Centennial, Colorado, who testified, it is impossible for this pipeline to explode. When we read Alan Ullman's letter to the PUCO/OPSB dated 6/27/19 and posted 6/28/19 4:44:42 PM with all his documentations of explosions and accidents, we felt compelled to write again with the hope someone would read our letter and not just accept Duke's paid experts and data provided by Duke.


This pipeline is dangerous to people and property both of which should be protected by public utilities and public officials, especially the PUCO and the OPSB, who are supposed to regulate not enable the industry.

There is much aging infrastructure throughout Reading, some pipes being over 100 years old. We live at 1415 Market Street with at least 6 pipelines in front of our house spanning the entire street. Water and sewer breaks and leaks are not unusual. Many never appear at the surface but rather saturate the ground and leak into the aquifer until they result in a surface collapse. This would undermine the material beneath and around the 20 inch 400PSI pipeline.

It concerns us that when the soil is disturbed by digging a 4 foot trench with 6 foot bell cuts for welding, the effect on the aging infrastructure would be more leaks due to shifting soil. Compound that with heavily load multi-axle trucks driving over the streets on the pipeline route, where they are ban. This can be documented by the many calls that have been made to Reading dispatch concerning the banned trucks on Market Street. These dump trucks do not just cross Market Street and Columbia Avenue, as Mr. Hebler of Duke believes, but drive over Reading Streets wherever they want.

Duke should face integrity management liability if they ignore the fact that these heavily loaded trucks drive on many of Readings streets directly over the proposed pipeline. Reinforcing the pipeline at the intersection of Columbia and Market, as Mr. Hebler has suggested per our meeting of 5-14-19, will not cover Duke's liability regarding future pipeline explosions.

Please heed Alan Ullman's and our letters concerning safety and integrity management.

Sincerely, Justin and Ann Feldman, 1415 Market Street, Reading, Ohio 45215 

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