DUKE ENERGY PROPOSED GAS LINE INFORMATION

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Schedule
This is an estimated schedule for the pipeline project. The project must be permitted, surveyed and designed before we can create a detailed schedule. The current high-level schedule for this project is:

- **Spring 2016** – Begin survey and project design
- **Summer 2016** – Apply for permits, continue design and begin easement request
- **Spring 2017** – Complete design
- **Summer 2017** – Construction begins
- **Fall 2018** – Construction complete

*Note: The construction schedule may span 16 months, but individual properties will be affected for a much shorter time period – likely three to six weeks or less, depending on the size of the property.*

Acquiring Easements
Easements are legal agreements that give Duke Energy the right to use specific portions of land for certain purposes. Easement fees are determined through discussions between Duke Energy and property owners at fair market rates, depending on the size and location of the easement. When terms of the easement are reached, a legal document is drawn up and signed by both parties. Easements will be needed to give Duke Energy access to property to construct and maintain the proposed pipeline. The property owner will maintain ownership of the property, subject to the rights granted to Duke Energy. A Duke Energy representative will contact property owners where easements are needed and work with these owners to resolve any special concerns, such as replacing grass, trees or other features. The signed legal document will be recorded at the appropriate county courthouse.

Project Summary
Natural gas has been available in the Cincinnati area since 1837, and historically, statistics show that pipelines are the safest mode of energy transportation.

In 2015, Duke Energy completed an extensive study of our gas supply system that serves over 500,000 customer accounts in Ohio and Kentucky. The focus of this study was the array of high-pressure steel pipelines that have been installed over the past half century or more to deliver gas into the distribution system for our customers. As Duke Energy looks to the future, we believe a Plan to Improve, Protect and Expand Our System (PIPS) is essential for our current and future customers.

The proposed Central Corridor Pipeline Extension is a 30-inch steel natural gas pipeline that will run from an existing gas transmission line near the intersection of Hamilton, Butler and Warren counties and end in either the Norwood or the Fairfax area. The line will transverse approximately 12 miles through northern Cincinnati/central Hamilton County.

The pipeline will enhance the reliability of the system. It will do so by maintaining consistent pressures and providing for operational efficiencies and configurations. These will allow for reliable balance of supply and reduce dependencies on gas transmission lines in Kentucky as well as propane peaking facilities.

We're expecting construction to start in the summer of 2017 and be complete by the fall of 2018. Although construction over the approximate 12-mile route will take several months, pipeline construction on each property should take approximately three to six weeks. Timing may vary depending on the size of the property.
Summary

This project is part of a larger project designed to improve, protect and expand our system for current and future customers. This pipeline extension project will enhance gas supply reliability and flexibility across the system, replace and modernize aging infrastructure and position Duke Energy to supply growing demand for natural gas in southwest Ohio.

If you have any specific questions about this project, please contact us at: CentCorridorPipeline@duke-energy.com or 513.287.2130

For general information about natural gas, please visit the American Gas Association’s website: www.agag.org

Restoration of Property

Fields, lawns, sidewalks, landscaping and some roadways will be disrupted temporarily during construction of the pipeline. Any property disturbed by the construction will be restored to its pre-existing condition or better by Duke Energy. A video of the pipeline route will be taken before any digging begins and will be used to guide restoration. All of this will be discussed in easement agreements between property owners and Duke Energy. After the pipeline has been constructed, owners can use their property as before, with a few exceptions. Roadways and sidewalks may be built within the easement as long as the existing grade is not changed. Other large permanent structures such as homes, garages and swimming pools are not allowed because Duke Energy needs to maintain access for inspections and required maintenance to the pipeline. Specifics of property restoration will be discussed during easement discussions.

Modern Safety Features

State-of-the-art construction materials, pipeline corrosion protection, welding techniques and other safety features will be designed into the Central Corridor Extension natural gas pipeline. For example, the outside of each pipe section is coated with a hard, green epoxy film that prevents corrosion. Before each pipe section is installed, this coating will be carefully inspected in the field to make sure it has no flaws or defects. All welded joints between pipe sections will be X-rayed to make sure they meet strict industry standards.

Welds will then be sealed with a coating to prevent corrosion. When construction is complete, the inside of the pipeline will be cleaned using a scrubber that removes dust, scale, water and other debris. Finally, the new pipeline will be pressure tested with air and water to make sure there are no leaks or weaknesses in the pipeline. When the pipeline has passed all of these safety checks it will be ready to receive natural gas. Once in operation, the pipeline will be inspected regularly for leaks, and the ground will be monitored for potential soil erosion.

Construction Sequence

This pipeline will be completed in several phases of construction. First, the pipeline route will be marked off with survey stakes. Then, excavating equipment will begin digging a trench where the pipeline will eventually be installed. When a portion of the trench has been dug, several sections of pipe will be welded together. Excavating equipment outfitted with lifting straps will pick up the long sections of welded pipe and place them in the trench. When the entire pipeline has been connected and all of the safety checks are complete, the pipeline will be covered with backfill material and the ground surface will be restored. Finally, the pipeline will be strength tested and pressurized.

Pipeline Facts

| Length:   | Approximately 12 miles |
| Diameter: | 30 inches              |
| Material: | Welded carbon steel with a fusion-bonded epoxy coating |
| Depth:    | Typically installed 4 feet (3 feet minimum) below grade |
| Backfill: | Controlled density fill (road right of way) or replaced excavated soil materials |
| Construction: | Approximate 40-foot pipe sections welded together |

Proposed Routes

[Map of proposed routes]
Q: What do I do if I smell gas?
A: If you smell natural gas, which is often described as a rotten egg smell, there could be a gas leak. You should leave the area, go to a safe place, immediately call 911 and call Duke Energy at 800.634.4300.

Q: How big is the gas line going to be?
A: Duke Energy is installing a 30-inch gas line for this project. It will be installed in welded 40-foot sections and will run approximately 12 miles.

Q: What is the gas line made of?
A: The gas line will be made of 30-inch-diameter steel pipe with an epoxy coating to prevent rust.

Q: How will affected residents be notified about the project?
A: Our plan is to communicate directly with anyone in the vicinity of this pipeline route on both sides of the roadway, via letters. We will also notify local and county officials who may choose to include the information in newsletters or by other means.

Q: What should I expect to see initially on my property as you determine the route of this project?
A: Initially, you will see surveyors on your property taking measurements. Typically, this will take an hour or less depending on the size of your property. Duke Energy and our contractors will make an effort to contact the homeowners upon arrival to alert you of our presence.

Q: Does Duke Energy have the necessary land rights to install this gas line?
A: The number of easements required for this project cannot be determined until the route is designed. Once this route is chosen, we will work with property owners to obtain the required easements for construction.

Q: What if I have additional questions?
A: For questions about the project, contact us on our hotline at 513.287.2130 and reference the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project, or email us at CentCorridorPipeline@duke-energy.com. We will reply to your inquiries in a timely manner.

Q: What safety measures will be built into the pipeline?
A: The pipeline will be:
- Designed by Duke Energy engineers and installed by experienced pipeline contractors
- Fully compliant with federal and Ohio Department of Transportation safety criteria
- Made of thick-walled steel pipe with anti-corrosion fusion bonded epoxy coating, with most of the line buried under a minimum of 3 feet of cover
- Installed with cathodic protection for corrosion prevention
Natural gas pipelines are the nation’s safest method of transporting energy. Duke Energy has a network of natural gas pipelines that deliver energy to more than 500,000 customers.

The Central Corridor Pipeline Extension is expected to preserve the reliability of the existing pipeline system and meet the needs of additional customers in the future. This portion of the overall project is just one of many steps Duke Energy is taking to make sure the gas distribution system remains safe and dependable for southwest Ohio.

Q: Why is this pipeline being built?
A: This project is part of a larger project designed to improve, protect and expand our system for current and future customers. This pipeline project will enhance gas supply reliability and flexibility across the system, replace and modernize aging infrastructure and position Duke Energy to supply growing demand for natural gas in southwest Ohio.

Q: Why now?
A: This is part of a large-scale Plan to Improve, Protect and Expand our System (PIPS) in order to continue reliable delivery of natural gas to our customers.

The pipeline will enhance system pressures and provide for operational efficiencies and configurations that allow for reliable balance of supply and reduce dependencies on gas transmission lines in Kentucky as well as propane peaking facilities.

Q: How wide will the easement need to be?
A: The easement corridor is still being determined at this time. Depending on the location of the preferred route, we may need to expand some easement areas more than others. This will be handled on a case-by-case basis with property owners.

Q: How close to my home will the gas line run?
A: Distances will vary. We intend to stay close to the road in front of each house. Once we have the survey information, we will be able to design the project and show you exactly where the gas line will be.

Q: How deep will the pipeline be installed underground?
A: The gas line will be installed a minimum of 4 feet below ground.

Q: Will any roads be closed during this project?
A: If any portion of the preferred route runs along or crosses a public road, it may be necessary to close a lane of traffic during the course of that construction. We will work closely with state and local authorities to minimize any traffic restrictions, and we will have safety/flagger personnel on hand to assist motorists.

Q: How long will Duke Energy be on my property for this project?
A: Timing will vary based on the size of a customer’s property, but typically the work can be done within three to six weeks. Restoration could take additional time depending on the specifics of the property.

Q: What type of equipment is used to install the natural gas line?
A: Excavators, cranes, rough terrain forklifts, pickup trucks and welding equipment will be necessary to build this pipeline.

Q: Will the work area on my property be safe so my kids, pets or animals don’t fall in trenches during work on the project?
A: The work area will be fenced off to ensure safety.

Q: Will my property be restored to the way it looked before the project?
A: We will do our best to restore your property to the condition it was in before the project. In some cases, trees, bushes and other vegetation might need to be removed for the construction work. When required, we will meet with you ahead of time to ensure an alternate remediation plan is in place. Driveways and fences will also be restored.

Q: How often will the pipeline be inspected?
A: An inspector will walk or drive the line at least four times a year to perform surveillance and leak surveys. Corrosion inspections will be performed yearly to monitor the integrity of the protection system.

Q: Who will inspect the pipeline?
A: Duke Energy is responsible for the inspections, and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio audits our inspections on a regular basis.

Q: If there are contractors working nearby, how will they know that there is an underground natural gas pipeline?
A: We will install yellow capped gas markers along the route so that the pipeline path can be seen. Contractors are also required by law to call 811, “Call Before You Dig,” to have underground utilities marked in advance.
February 19, 2016

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PARK HILLS SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS ASSOC.
PO BOX 628360
CINCINNATI OH 45262-8360

Reference:
61100110145

Important information on a proposed Duke Energy natural gas transmission line project in your area – Central Corridor Extension Project

Dear Property Owner:

Natural gas has been available in the Cincinnati area since 1837, when our predecessor company, Cincinnati Gas Light and Coke Company, went into business to illuminate the downtown streets. Historically, statistics show that natural gas pipelines are the safest mode of energy transportation. It is crucial that we plan for our energy future.

We are writing to inform you of a proposed natural gas pipeline project being designed in order to increase the reliability and dependability of the natural gas delivery system in the area. Providing safe, reliable natural gas is a responsibility we at Duke Energy take very seriously. This pipeline will ensure natural gas reliability for the next generation in Hamilton County.

The proposed natural gas pipeline project will be designed to run underground from the northern boundary of Hamilton County near the intersection of Hamilton, Warren and Butler counties to the Norwood station or Red Bank Road area south of Erie Avenue. We are notifying all property owners who could be impacted as well as adjacent parcel owners along the three proposed gas line routes. Only one proposed route option will be constructed if the project is approved.

This project requires an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need from the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) in Columbus, Ohio. The process before the OPSB will include an investigation of the proposal, hearings and a decision by the board. Interested persons may participate in the process by testifying at a public hearing or by seeking permission to formally intervene in the case. You may request notification of the schedule for the hearings, as well as the filing of other documents in the case, by signing up with the OPSB for electronic notice of filings or by sending a letter to the OPSB to indicate your interest. The case may be found on the OPSB’s website, identified as Case No. 16-253-GA-BTX.

This project is the current extension of a pipeline that was completed in 2003 that provided gas transmission from cross-country pipelines to northern Hamilton County. This pipeline extension will provide additional gas supplies farther south to the central Cincinnati area.
The proposed Central Corridor Pipeline Extension will be a 30-inch steel natural gas line that will run from an existing gas main near the intersection of Butler, Warren and Hamilton counties to an existing gas main near Norwood station or Red Bank Road area south of Erie Avenue. There are three proposed routes at this time as shown on the attached map. If the project is approved, one of these proposed routes will be selected by the OPSB for construction.

Over the next several months, you may see surveyors on your property taking measurements. Typically, this will take an hour or less depending on the size of your property. Duke Energy and our contractors will make an effort to contact the homeowners upon arrival to alert you of our presence.

We're expecting construction on this pipeline to start in the summer of 2017 and be complete by the fall of 2018. Although construction over the estimated 12-mile route will take approximately 16 months to complete, pipeline construction on each property typically takes between three to six weeks but may vary greatly depending on the size of the lot and other factors.

No more than 90 days prior to submitting a certificate application to the OPSB, Duke Energy is required to conduct at least one informational meeting open to the public to be held in the area in which the project may be located. Duke Energy will hold these informational meetings at the times and locations below:

**Tuesday, March 22, 2016, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.**  
Sycamore Township Community Center, 11580 Deerfield Road, Cincinnati, OH 45242

**Wednesday, March 23, 2016, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.**  
Pleasant Ridge Montessori, 5945 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45213

The meetings will use an informal, drop-in format, allowing you to attend as your schedule permits. Duke Energy representatives will share information on the proposed pipeline, including aerial maps of the proposed route options, an estimated timeline for the project and other materials. You will also have the opportunity to locate and zoom in on your property to see where it is located relative to the proposed route options. Digital aerial photography will be available on computer stations that will be set up at both of the public information meetings. The project is currently in the conceptual design phase. As the design is developed over the next several months, and as Duke Energy progresses through the OPSB application process, we’ll better know if your property may be affected. If the OPSB certificate for the project is granted, and if your property will be affected by the approved route, we’ll arrange a time to meet with you individually.

If you have questions or can’t attend the meeting, please contact us by phone at 513.287.2130 or by email at CentCorridorPipeline@duke-energy.com. The OPSB can be reached by email at contactOPSB@puc.state.oh.us, by phone at 614.466.270.6772 or by mail addressed to: The Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad St., Columbus OH 43215. The OPSB’s website can be found at opsb.ohio.gov/opsb.

We look forward to seeing you at the open house. Thank you for working with us as we move forward with this important project.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

James Olberding, Duke Energy  
Central Corridor Pipeline Extension – Project Manager
Hello Everyone –

Thank you, Ken and Kathy, for your email regarding the proposed gas pipeline corridor options. Village staff and officials are also curious to learn how, if at all, the proposed green line may impact roadway access/evacuation routes in the event of an emergency. Earlier today, I spoke with Warren Walker, our Duke municipal representative, who I am carbon copying on this email. Mr. Walker or one of his representatives will gladly meet with the HOA to answer any questions, concerns, etc.; however, he suggested we attend one of the open houses scheduled for 3/22 and 3/23 where most of our questions/concerns will likely be addressed (see Duke letter for meeting times and locations). Village representatives are planning to attend. I can only attend the 3/22 meeting so please let me know if an HOA representative or two would like to join me. The final route will ultimately be decided by the Ohio Power Siting Board (http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb/). Reps. from OPSB will also be at the Open Houses.

The exact location of the proposed line along Glendale-Milford is not yet determined. The proposed green line in Evendale turns southward at the railroad tracks, not at Reading Rd., then runs southbound along the tracks until it aligns with Reading Rd. but at a point in the City of Reading. Because the proposed green corridor runs near GE Aviation, Formica and others, I am also carbon copying representatives from those businesses so they are aware of it and can join us in attending Open Houses and/or future meetings.

If there are additional questions/concerns not addressed at the open house, we can schedule a meeting with Mr. Walker or one of his representatives for a time later in the month. I’ll gladly keep everyone apprised of what we learn and what, if any, future decisions are made by Duke and/or the OPSB.

Thanks again for sharing your concerns. Please call or email any time with questions, ideas, etc.

Sincerely,

David W. Elmer, MPA
Administrative Assistant to the Mayor
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Evendale, Ohio 45241
513-956-2666
SUMMARY

Evendale conference call with Duke Energy and GE Aviation
Re: Proposed Duke Gas Line through Evendale
April 6, 2015
Number: 1-800-385-2663
Code: 305519

- Call participants included Warren Walker and Jamie Olberding from Duke Energy, David Elmer, Evendale and Steve Young and Dave Spartag (sp?) from GE Aviation. Formica and Kinetic Vision were invited to participate but reps. from those businesses did not call in.
- Elmer asked several questions about the project and advised Walker and Olberding that the Village of Evendale was opposed to the green line for several reasons and until such time more information was known about the project and its approval process.
- Warren and Olberding shared the following information:
  o Duke mailed 2,500 letters to property owners along proposed routes providing notice of their intentions to build a new gas pipeline.
  o Currently, 60% of Cincinnati region gas comes from a single line through Northern Kentucky. This single source limits Duke’s ability to “push” gas into Cinci. Area.
  o Purpose of project is to provide greater gas volume/capacity/accessibility and pressure from gas sources located North of Cincinnati.
  o In 2003, Duke installed line from Lebanon to just south of Fields-Ertle Rd. (north of I-275) in Sycamore Township. This would be the starting point for the proposed extension.
  o The extension is planned to connect with Duke’s existing “D” gas line (3 different connection points are proposed, 2 in Norwood/Golf Manor area and 1 in the Fairfax area)
  o Duke spent 14-16 months analyzing route options. They originally identified 100 options but soon narrowed it down to 28 using a ranking/scoring system that included a variety of factors (environmental impacts, etc.) The most favorable routes are the 3 proposed routes.
    ▪ I asked to see all of this information. Warren will see if he can provide it.
    ▪ Duke noted that there was at least one “pinch point” along the Green route in Reading that would make it challenging to install a new line.
  o Duke plans to file an application with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) in mid-June presenting the 3 options. OPSB will, through a series of meetings/hearings/on-site inspections, etc., narrow it down to 2 options. The OPSB will then select the route. Duke anticipates this to be at least an 8 to 12 month process
- I asked if Duke had received objections from other communities. Warren said they had not yet.
- Other communities potentially impacted by the 3 proposed routes include; Blue Ash, Reading, Cincinnati, Golf Manor, Amberley, Sycamore Township, Norwood?, Sharonville?, Deer Park? Silverton? Lockland?, and potential others
- GE Aviation reps noted they would be interested in tapping into the line to increase gas capacity and pressure on their campus.
  o Duke noted the proposed line was intended to be for transmission only (not for distribution) but that they would look into making a connection point for GE Aviation as a potential option. Duke and GE will discuss technical details.
From: webmaster@puc.state.oh.us
To: PUOC ContactThePUOC
Subject: PUOC CONTACT FORM: 106362
Received: 4/10/2016 8:53:30 PM
Message:
WEB ID: 106362 AT:04-10-2016 at 08:53 PM

Related Case Number: 16-0253

TYPE: Comment

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INDUSTRY: Gas

ACCOUNT INFORMATION:

- Company: Village of Evendale
- (no account name provided?)
- (no service address provided?)
- (no service phone number provided?)
- (no account number provided?)

COMMENT DESCRIPTION:

The Village of Evendale has several significant concerns about the proposed green route in gas line pipe extension case #16-0253-GA-BTX. Consequently, The Village of Evendale opposes the green line until such time Village residents, local businesses and elected officials are made fully aware of: 1. The exact location of the proposed gas line. 2. The exact width, size, location, etc. of all proposed easements needed for the proposed line. 3. A specific remediation plan for all natural and man-made objects/materials proposed to be removed or relocated along the entire length of
the route. 4. Written verification that all businesses and residents abutting the proposed route have been duly notified in writing of the proposed route. 5. Any and all written or verbal complaints or concerns received by PUCO, the Siting Board or any other State Agency about the proposed green route and the response provided. Please provide a list of the 100+ routes initially proposed by Duke along with any records or information detailing the methodology used to rank or otherwise score the routes. Please provide a list of proposed routes as they were ranked in order of preference. Please explain why the green, pink and orange routes were determined to be the preferred routes presented by Duke Energy. Glendale-Milford Rd. is a mostly residential, tree-lined road with homes situated close to the road. Installation of a new pipeline along either side of the road would eliminate most of the public and private trees along the roadway. Many trees are mature and sizable. Removing these trees would severely negatively impact the character and value of properties. Moreover, a 30-50' permanent public easement for a gas line, once installed, would encompass, in many cases, entire front yards making it impossible for residents to grow substantive vegetation or build anything permanent within the easement area. It appears that the proposed green route turns southward at the Norfolk-Southern Railroad and proceeds along the backside of two of Cincinnati's largest manufacturers, GE Aviation and Formica. Several other businesses, including Kinetic Vision, would also be affected. Since it appears the proposed line would run through private property (and not within the railroad right-of-way), The Village of Evendale opposes the location of the line running directly through our business corridor until such time all businesses are made fully aware of the project and until such time all such businesses have an opportunity to determine whether or not the line poses a benefit or threat to their business operations, property value, etc. Evendale staff and/or elected officials have received the following questions/concerns/ideas to date from local residents/businesses and anticipate more. While several of these questions may be answered in Duke project materials, they are included in this comment FYI. Answers and/or comments from the Siting Board would be appreciated. 1. There are large transmission lines running through Evendale already. What specific safety precautions would Duke implement during and after construction to assure the line does not create a fire/explosion hazard? What roads/routes would be blocked if all of these routes were under construction at the same time? 2. What, if anything, would be permitted within the easement? 3. Based on similar projects in the past, can Duke or the Siting Board demonstrate an increase in property values as the result of installing new pipe lines in an existing, built-out community? Can Duke of the Siting Board demonstrate an increase in property values when removing trees and/or imposing restrictive permanent easements for gas line projects? 4. How would Duke go about negotiating easements? What happens if Duke fails to voluntarily reach an easement agreement? Does Duke or the Siting Board have the ability to condemn property? If so, please describe that process. 5. Please describe how the proposed green pipeline will benefit Evendale and your customer base? Will the new lines increase gas capacity/pressure to our local businesses and residences? If so, please provide quantifiable/measurable data. 6. What factors did the Ohio Siting Board consider when choosing the green line as a proposed route? What makes the route an attractive option for Duke and the Siting Board as compared to the other options? 7. Has Duke or the Siting Board considered running the proposed green route wholly within the Glendale-Milford Rd. right-of-way (to avoid removing trees and encroaching into private yards)? What, if any, obstacles or challenges are there with this option? Thank you for considering this objection and for your help answering the questions listed above. Please confirm receipt of this correspondence. Also, please share this email with the appropriate persons or Committees within Duke Energy and/or the Siting Board so our objection and concerns are duly recognized. I look forward to hearing back from you and/or others on this matter. Please call or email anytime. Sincerely, David W. Elmer Administrator Village of Evendale 10500 Reading Rd. Evendale, Ohio 45241 513-956-2666 David.Elmer@EvendaleOhio.org
Good morning Mr. Elmer,

Thank you for contacting the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) regarding Duke Energy's proposed Central Corridor Extension Gas Pipeline project in case number 16-253-GA-BTX. I will docket your concerns in the case docket.

To date, the OPSB has not yet received an application from Duke Energy to construct this project, so the amount of information that the OPSB has at this point is limited. Once Duke Energy files its application, the application and related materials, including detailed maps of Duke Energy's selected "preferred" and "alternate" routes, will be available in the case docket. In the meantime, Duke Energy may be able to provide you with more detailed information about the routes it is studying, as well as a status update as to when they plan to file their application with the OPSB. Duke Energy has established a website for the project at, or you may contact them at 513-287-2130 or CentCorridorPipeline@duke-energy.com.

Prior to the public informational meetings held by Duke in Cincinnati on March 22 and 23, Duke sent letters to affected property owners and tenants along and contiguous to the proposed route options for the proposed facility, as well as any property owners who may be approached for any easements. As part of the OPSB review of the application, the OPSB's technical staff will conduct an investigation of Duke Energy's proposal and make recommendations to the voting Board members. The OPSB will conduct a local public hearing to gather testimony about the proposal from property owners and the community before the Board members make a final decision regarding the proposal.

Below are several additional links that may help answer some of your questions. Once you have a chance to review this information, I'd be happy to have a more in-depth conversation about the OPSB's role. Is there a time that might work well for you tomorrow before 2:30 p.m.?

- About the OPSB
- Case docket including Duke's pre-application notice to the OPSB, proof of notice to affected property owners, and proof of publication in local newspaper regarding public info meeting. The application and related documents will be filed here once received from Duke.
- All public comments received by the OPSB regarding the project
- OPSB process flowchart
- Guide to public participation in the OPSB process
- You may sign-up to receive documents filed in the case by creating an online account and then subscribing to notifications in case number 16-253-GA-BTX.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Respectfully,

Matt Butler
Siting, Efficiency, and Renewable Energy Division
Rates and Analysis Department
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio | Ohio Power Siting Board
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Construction and operation are monitored by the OPSB

Updated: February 9, 2016
Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Case No. 16-253-GA-BTX

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today to encourage the Ohio Power Siting Board, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, and Duke Energy to amend the proposed routes of the Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project (Case No. 16-253-GA-BTX). I currently represent the 28th District in the Ohio House of Representatives and each of the proposed routes runs through residential areas within my district. After meeting with dozens of residents who would be affected by these plans, I stand by them in their concerns, hesitations, and fears.

Safety is of paramount importance. As proposed, these gas pipeline routes run through residential neighborhoods, putting our families, schools, and communities in jeopardy. This is a matter of great concern, especially given the recent gas pipeline explosion on April 29, 2016 in the greater Pittsburgh area. Even if alternative routes are more costly, safety must remain our top priority.

The concerns voiced to me by my constituents are alarming. This project, though with the best of intentions, is due to cause harm to the environment, quality of life, and could potentially result in the significant loss of life. Though public forums have been held by Duke Energy, the residents of my district remain concerned with the project and have many remaining concerns. I have attached a list of some of their questions that have yet to be answered.

Again, as the state representative for this area, 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.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Jonathan Dever
May 3, 2016

Chief Neil Korte
Chief of Police, Village of Evendale
10500 Reading Rd.
Evendale, OH 45241

Chief Korte:

Attached you will find the letter I sent to the Ohio Power Siting Board regarding Duke Energy’s proposed Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project (Case No. 16-253-GA-BTX). I am providing you with a copy of the letter, given that one or more of the proposed pipeline routes may go through your community.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (614) 466-8120 or Rep28@ohiohouse.gov.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Jonathan Dever

Threats to Safety:

1. Why is this transmission line being developed through densely populated, High Consequence Areas? Just 2 days ago a natural gas explosion occurred on a 30” transmission line in Pennsylvania, and that was in a far less densely populated area than where we live. Here is the footage of that incident: https://www.yahoo.com/news/natural-gas-explosion-pennsylvania-leaves-least-1-hurt-133612515.html Had this happened in our residential area the consequences would be devastating.

2. What is the failure mode and rate of this type of pipeline? What estimates have the actuaries at Duke developed for loss of life and property in the event of a blowout with this pipeline along its proposed routes?

3. What is the blast range for the pipeline, should a failure occur?

4. What are the national security implications of a pipeline route that runs along multiple synagogues and a Jewish Community Center? Next to a busy shopping mall during holiday season? Adjacent to schools, daycare centers. Also security implications from home grown terrorists or extremists?

5. Why are we being forced to be guinea pigs on a project that is not for our benefit? Duke has never installed a pipeline this scale before. “It is the largest project of its kind”, states one Duke representative. We are not asking for this. The city is not asking for this. Who says we need something of this scale?

6. What sort of oversight can the state provide on inspecting pipelines, and what exactly does OPSB mean by regular audits?

Pipeline Details:

1. Duke needs to provide us with detailed aerial maps for all 3 proposed pipeline options. These maps have been created by Duke and shared briefly in presentation format, but no one has been able to study them in detail. We need to see detailed images of the actual terrain, structures and streets that are impacted by the proposed routes. When one resident asked how to access the aerial maps, Duke Representative said they had not been uploaded to the website. This can be accomplished in a matter of minutes by uploading the presentations if they are in a sharable format, or simply taking pictures and uploading them. Why all the secrecy?

2. What is the capacity of the proposed of the 30” transmission line in the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project?

3. Who is paying for the pipeline? Is Duke Energy getting any support from state or federal agencies?

4. Where does the gas that ultimately moves through the pipeline originate? Specifically, where is it extracted? Where is it processed? What is the route from the processing facility to the station north of here? What is the route after it passes through the Central Corridor?

5. Is this pipeline part of a larger North/South transmission network. Where does it originate and end?

Proposed route options:

1. Why isn’t this transmission line being developed along exiting easements or in parallel to existing gas lines?

2. Why isn’t this pipeline being routed along a major thoroughfares, like I-71 corridor?

3. Why isn’t this pipeline being completely rerouted to move around our densely populated cities?

4. What route options were rejected for reasons of cost or timing involved?

5. Has Duke considered multiple smaller lines rather than this 30” transmission line?
Resources:

1. What may municipalities do to help residents with their pipeline concerns in light of the state law on noninvolvement on Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Issues? Can they mail information to residents, facilitate meetings, post notices, provide input to regulatory and decision making agencies such as PUC, FERC and OPSB?

2. Would Representative Dever be willing to host a joint news conference to oppose this project and inform residents?

3. What government resources are available to make citizens aware of a project that affects their safety and way of life. The highly secretive nature in which the project is being developed prevents this from happening.

4. What government resources are available to slow this project down, so affected citizens have an opportunity to become aware and involved. There has been insufficient opportunity for people to learn about a highly complex set of issues. There is very little readily available information that is in a format that is consumer friendly. Over 350,000 citizens in the following communities are being denied the opportunity to have a voice in something that concerns their safety and threatens their way of life: Blue Ash (pop. 12,106), Cincinnati (pop. 296,550), Norwood (pop. 19,086), Reading (pop. 10,348), Madeira (pop. 8,809), Kenwood (pop. 6,981) and other smaller villages/townships like Amberley, Symmes, Sycamore, Columbia.

5. If the pipeline goes through, and our property values decrease as a result of the pipeline, can we file suit against Duke Energy?

Process:

1. Why hasn’t Duke Energy been more transparent about the other 100+ possible routes they have considered, prior to narrowing down the route options to these three? Is there a government body that has access to Duke’s thought process, research and criteria?

Environmental Questions:

1. We need to see environmental assessments or impact studies for this pipeline. If those are not available, we would like to see them for similar pipelines.

2. If gas leaks from this pipeline is Duke required to repair the leak?

3. Why is it necessary to build this route through areas with mature trees, natural areas, vulnerable water watersheds, green spaces, wildlife habit, migration routes?

4. I may be forced to surrender my property to Duke Energy to facilitate fracking, a practice which I am morally opposed to, both for personal and religious reasons. Is that legal?