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Important Information on a Proposed Duke Energy Natural Gas Project in Your Area: Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project

Dear Neighbor:

For more than 175 years, Duke Energy Ohio has provided safe and reliable natural gas service to our communities in the Greater Cincinnati area. As our communities have grown, so too has our natural gas system. This system has performed well, but improvements are needed so that we can continue to reliably serve our customers.

Please join us for an informational meeting about our proposed Central Corridor Pipeline Extension (CCPE) project, which will increase the reliability and dependability of the natural gas delivery system in Greater Cincinnati today and for generations to come.

The CCPE project, connecting to an existing pipeline that was completed in 2003, will deliver natural gas into Hamilton County for our customers. The preferred route for the 20-inch pipeline starts from the northern boundary of Hamilton County, near the intersection of Hamilton, Warren and Butler counties, and ends in the Fairfax area, as shown on the attached map. We are notifying all potentially affected neighbors along this preferred route, as well as along the alternate route that is also shown on the map. The pipeline will only be constructed along one of these routes.

We have filed an application with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB, or Board), asking for approval of the project. The process before the OPSB includes an investigation of the proposal, hearings and a decision by the Board. You may participate in the process either by testifying at a local 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 request. Contact information is provided below.

We are planning to start construction in 2018 and complete the project by the winter of 2019/2020. Construction over the estimated 13-mile route will take approximately 16 months to complete. The actual work on any individual property typically will take three to six weeks but may vary greatly depending on the size of the lot and other factors.

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Our upcoming information session will be held:

Thursday, January 26, 2017
Crowne Plaza Cincinnati Blue Ash, 5901 Pfeiffer Road, Blue Ash, OH 45242
Open house from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Presentations at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will use an informal, drop-in format, allowing you to attend as your schedule permits. In addition, Duke Energy Ohio will offer two brief, optional overviews of the project, promptly at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. We will share information on the proposal, 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. We will be contacting individual property owners in the next few months if an easement is required from you.

There are several ways you can get additional information or provide comments:

- Our website for this project is duke-energy.com/centralcorridor.
- If you have questions you would like to ask but can't attend the meeting, please contact us:
 - by phone at 513.287.2130
 - by email at CentCorridorPipeline@duke-energy.com
- The OPSB can be reached:
 - by email at contactOPSB@puc.state.oh.us
 - by phone at 866.270.6772
 - by mail addressed to Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad St., Columbus OH 43215
- The OPSB's website is opsb.ohio.gov/opsb. This case may be found on the OPSB's website, identified as Case No. 16-253-GA-BTX.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on Jan. 26. Thank you for working with us as we move forward with this important project to benefit our communities.

Please forward this information to any tenants that may be occupying properties referenced in this notification.

