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**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.

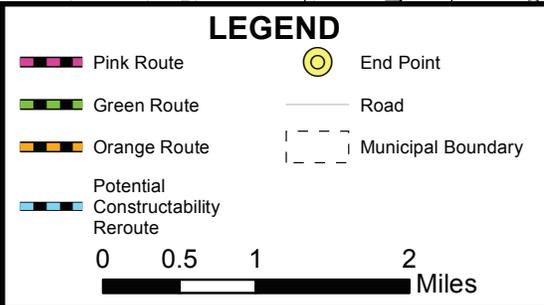
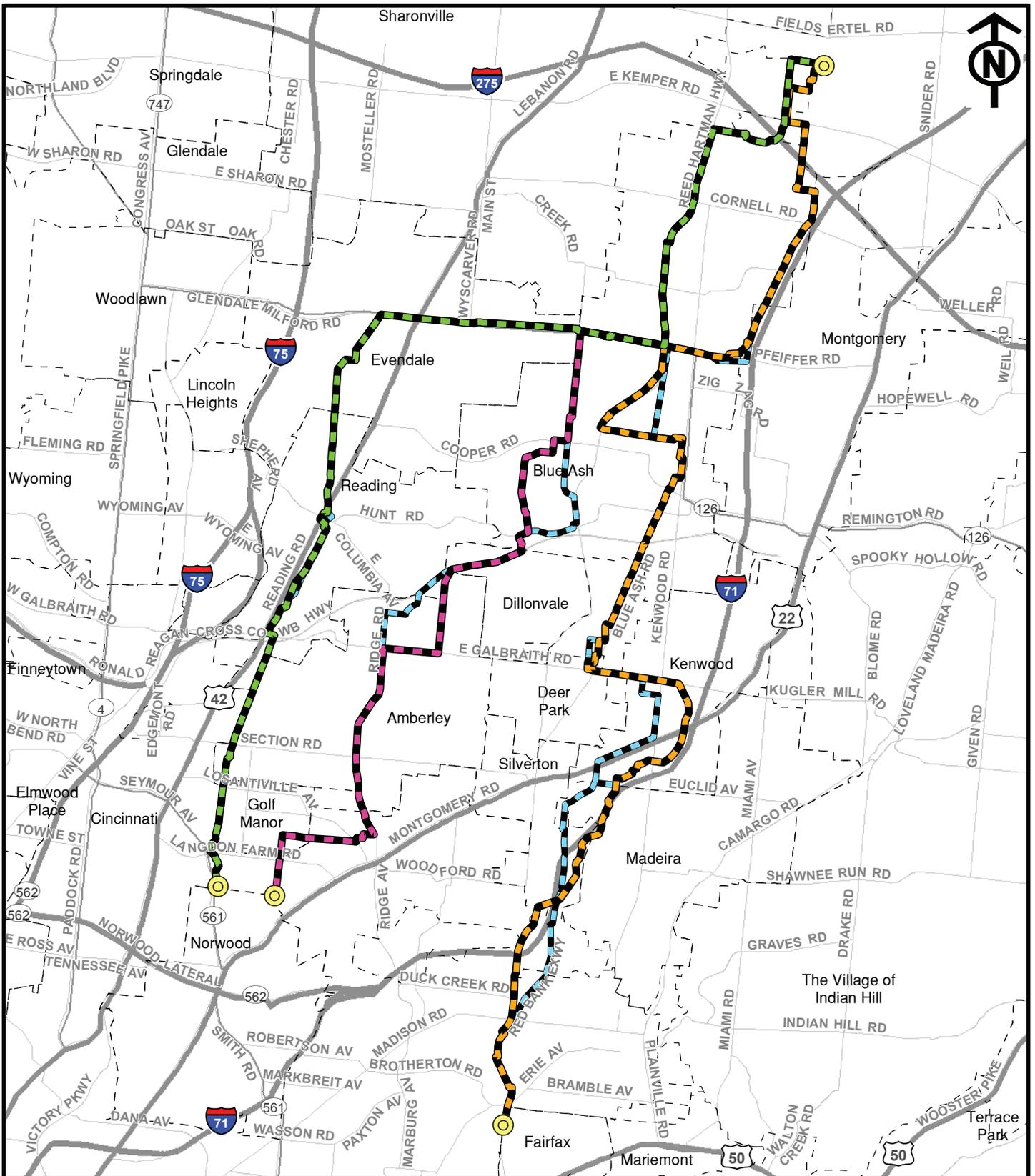
If you have questions or can't attend the meeting, please contact us by phone at 513.287.2130 or by email at [CentCorridorPipeline@duke-energy.com](mailto:CentCorridorPipeline@duke-energy.com). The OPSB can be reached by email at [contactOPSB@puc.state.oh.us](mailto:contactOPSB@puc.state.oh.us), by phone at 866.270.6772 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](http://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,



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



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