

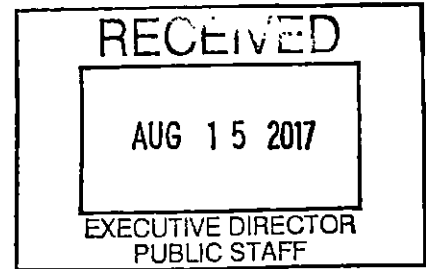
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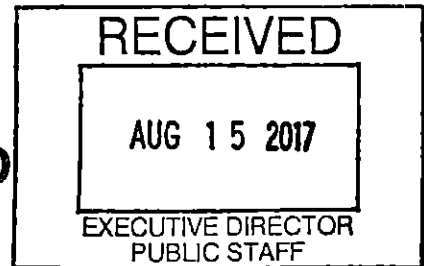
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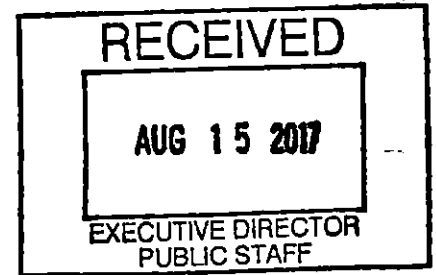
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Enclosure A- Duke energy Interactive map showing "preferred route" from Old school road to Railroad tracks at 935 Parkertown Road

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This transmission line will negatively affect the value of my property. It is proven that transmission lines lower the value of property, and the closer the line to a residence, the longer it takes to sell, much less get asking price. Properties tend to stay on the market longer and if they sell, it is for a reduced amount.

The transmission line will also have negative impact on the farming operation that is currently in place on my property. This is a row crop and cattle operation. Please review enclosed map I have provided. This route runs parallel with Parkertown road. The properties on parkertown road are perpendicular to parkertown road which means this transmission line cuts these properties at a 90 degree angle right down the middle of the property. It cuts these properties in half. The reason for this is that some homes are located at front of property (meaning close to parkertown road) while others are located to the back of the property(meaning further away from

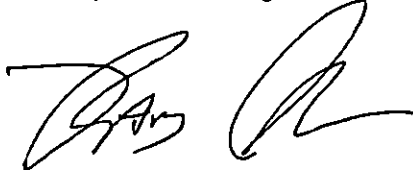
parkertown rd). This transmission line cannot be moved one foot one way or the other without moving it closer to one residence or the other. Duke energy used distances from residences as a rating factor in their route study. This area of the project is impossible to maximize distance because moving it farther from one residence pushes it closer to another. There are other routes that the line could have been shifted farther away from residences as there were no other houses to move it closer to. If these routes had been shifted further away from these residences, then another route would have been chosen, as there are no other limiting factors. Please look at this closely along the entire route. No where else does the route parallel a road, or cut properties in half, or run in between residences. This is very important, as proximity to residences was a major factor in the route selection process. As to how it will affect my property, my entire property line is fenced in for cattle.(note fences are perpendicular to transmission line) so that rotational grazing can be utilized for cattle. This allows me to row crop any field I choose, and rotate cattle when these fields are harvested. I will have to install gates along right of way so that duke energy can drive perpendicular across my property to inspect the proposed line. That means 5 gates will have to be installed on my property, just for access. In addition, it will cross my paved driveway perpendicular, and instead of having a uniform fence on both sides of my driveway, I will have to install gates. Also, the elevation at parkertown road is actually higher than my property. I have installed several V style ditches, blind ditches, and directionally bored drain lines in. This proposed line will cross all of these drain line structures. Any disruption to these structures will cause my property not to drain properly, increasing the likelihood of lost crop production due to wetter conditions as well as less grazing areas for cattle. That means less revenue from operation. Also, we have purposely left fully developed trees along property that is near railroad tracks as a natural barrier, not only for the train, but privacy from US HWY301. We do not want our privacy disrupted by a 125 foot opening in our tree line.

Another factor I would like taken into consideration is the demographics. The age of properties owners on parkertown is a lot higher than other routes. The reason I want to mention this, is the fact that these people have been here all of their lives. In the last 20 years , there have only been 2 land transactions, and I was one of them. With that being said, the people that live here will be stuck with this line, as well as their kids and grandkids. If you look at the other routes(the shorter ones), you will see that people move in and out on more frequent basis and have the ability to move away from it. Our residences are our farms, we just cannot pick up everything and leave. Also, older residents do not have the ability to attend open houses at the edge of dark, or the ability to go to a webpage and download an interactive map and understand how this line affects their property. Another important item to mention is that there is little to no access to internet on parkertown road. Centurylink is the provider, and I only had 2.4megabytes on a good day. I had to access maps and do all of my research from work. So even if they wanted to look at maps and do research or send email, they would have to go somewhere else to do it.

Lastly, several people did not receive letters about open houses, and others did not receive a certified letter. I notified several of my neighbors about what was going on. Also, surveying had to be stopped on this route because surveyors cut down several trees greater than 6 inch in diameter(one was a 26" oak tree)I have a record of this as well as emailed to Tommy

Williamson at Utilities Commission. When surveying started initially surveyors showed up without notice to property owner. (although they have "the right" under the general statute, it looks like they could have called property owners and let them know they would be on their property while they were away at work. The lack of communication has been unprofessional. In my opinion, our private property rights have been infringed upon so far.

Thank you for your consideration of the above items. I look forward to going into deeper detail at the public hearing.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randy Johnson', with a stylized, flowing script.

Randy Johnson
935 Parkertown Road
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Disclaimer: This map was created for the Cleveland to Matthews Road Project and is based on the proposed route network as of November 16, 2016 (as shown at the community workshop meetings and are on November 16th and 17th 2016). The information provided on this map is for discussion purposes only. Duke is not bound in any way to the representations reflected on this map. This map does not represent a final determination by Duke as to route selection, and Duke is not restricted or barred from modifying or deviating from the routes proposed, or considering new or different routes. All routes are subject to change.

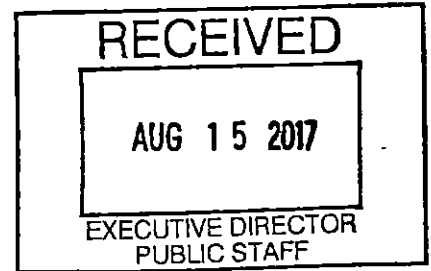
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I am a property owner affected by the "preferred route" of a new 230kv transmission line for Duke Energy's Cleveland Matthews Road Substation. I am in complete opposition of a utilities right of way crossing my property. My property would be completely divided by this utilities right of way.

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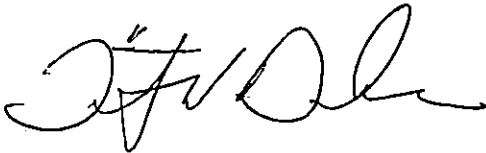
This transmission line will have a negative impact on the value of my property. Due to the close proximity of the projected line to my residence, my property will have a lesser appeal to prospective buyers if I would decide to sell my property. My residence is currently serviced by underground power lines with no such obstructions of power lines in any directions.

The transmission line could have negative impact on the livestock that I currently have on my property. The area of my property that Duke Energy has surveyed for this projected project is part of my pasture for my animals to graze. In certain situations grazing animals do not graze areas underneath high transmission power lines. Many cattlemen have confirmed that cattle have a fifty percent mortality rate in their reproduction while grazing near high transmission power lines.

I am a retired Fire Captain with thirty years of service. I can't even begin to recall all the encounters I have had over the years with emergency situations as a result of electricity and it's affects on life and property. I have no desire to reside in such close proximity to these projected high transmission lines. I feel these power lines would have adverse affects on mine and my family's health.

Going forward I have aging parents. The area of my property that Duke Energy has surveyed for this projected project is the only area that would be considerable to build to relocate my parents. This area is accessible to my established driveway, accommodative for a septic system and has current access to the water line that attaches to county water system.

Thank you for your consideration of the above items. I look forward to going into deeper detail at the public hearing.

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583 Parkertown Road

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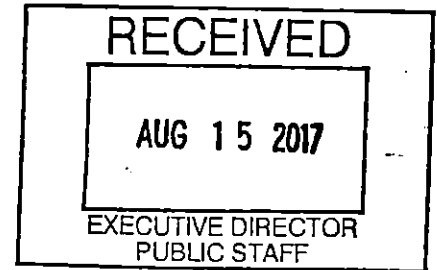
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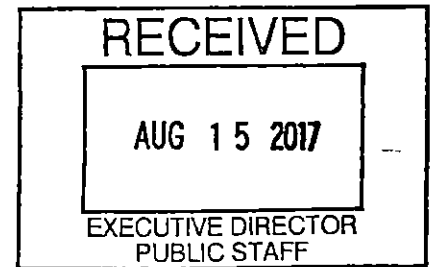
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My property has a one hundred and ninety-nine foot cell tower in the area that Duke Energy has surveyed for this projected power line. It appears that the right of way would be in close proximity to this tower. I have very strong concerns that this power line would be too close to

this cell tower. In a public meeting I made mention of this tower to a Duke Energy representative and she seemed to have no prior knowledge of this cell tower.

My property is for farming of small grains. The annual lease on my property is a vital part of my income. The construction of this power line and the maintenance of the right of way would disrupt that farming operation.

Your consideration of the above items is greatly appreciated.

Billy Price

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