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In the matter of State of North Carolina Utilities Commission Docket NO. E-2, SUB 1150.

Mr. Ayers,

I am a property owner and resident that spoke during the public hearing on 10/30/17 at the Johnston County Court House. I want to thank the commission for allowing the property owners and residents along the "southern route" of the Cleveland community power line project to voice their concerns and opposition. The hearing was very informative offering a large amount of information. The proceedings were carried out in a very orderly fashion. With the number of speakers the three minute time limit was needed to allow all to speak in a timely manner. I do think the three minute time limit may have prohibited some points from being made. I have two of my own that I did not cover in my three minutes.

First, I am very much favor of growth and building the infra-structure to keep up with that growth. Growth is important and it is an issue in parts this county with the bulk being in the western part. With growth comes issues both positive and negative. As stated in the hearing health issues, livestock affects, crop production issues, and property values are all affected by high power transmission lines in a negative manner. These negative impacts are important to all residents and property owners along each route of this Cleveland community power line project and should be taken into consideration. The one major issue I see is Duke Energy has defined the need for addition power recourses in the Cleveland community and not in the Four Oaks community. The residents and property owners along this southern route in the Four Oaks community will be unjustly served by baring the burden of this power line. No one along this route will benefit from this project in anyway other that those that are in some way interested in financial gain. I struggle to understand how a utilities right of way crossing any property would serve as a financial gain.

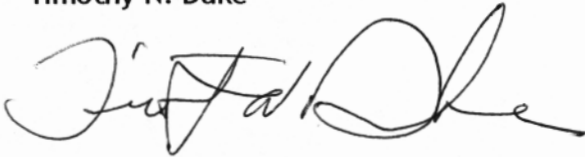
My second point of concern is the fact that Duke Energy has not communicated with all the property owners. All of the residents along this southern route were not notified properly. I don't ever recall seeing anything on the first public meetings. I was notified by a neighbor the day before these meetings and I was out of state on business. I have real concerns of how Duke Energy used public comments from public meetings to choose their preferred route. I did not have the opportunity to take part in either public meeting for comment. Had I been there I surely would have given my comments with concerns. Duke Energy has done a horrible job of notifying and communicating with land owners. In the hearing on the 30th, I heard a property owner state he had children alarmed by unannounced surveyors and others with

trees destroyed on their property. This was done by Duke Energy authorized contractors with no notification to the property owners. That is totally against their rights of privacy on their own property as I see it. State general statute gives utilities companies the right to look at properties for possible utilities right of ways not to trespass and destroy vegetation.

In closing, Duke Energy has identified a need for additional resources in the Cleveland community and preferred routes in that area. If Cleveland is where the need is, Duke Energy should be mandated to use the preferred routes and install power lines to supply their needs in that area. I truly hope this commission will take into consideration all of the concerns that have been brought forward from property owners and residents that will be affected with no benefit from this project. I have faith in this commission to do what is needed that will impact the people you serve accordingly.

Thanks again for allowing me to voice my concerns,

Timothy N. Duke

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy N. Duke', written in a cursive style.

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