

Docket E2 sub 1150

November 2, 2017



I attended both of the hearings the utilities commission had with the public and the intervenor hearing. In Duke energy docket it is stated for growth in the Cleveland area of Johnston county. I do not live in this area of the county and should not be impacted by this transmission line.

It is stated that Duke energy purchased the property for the substation in 2015.

At this time Duke energy certainly knew they would be needing this line. This should have been communicated to Johnston County Commissioners and Johnston County Planning. If this would have been done, it could have potentially prevented this issue. This would have prevented subdivisions from being built in the path of the shorter routes, more importantly leaving a "utility easement" to traverse through these areas and not cross houses or green space.

Under sworn testimony of James Umbdenstock, "load limits in Cleveland area will not be reached until 2020.

The above testimony shows that there is time for these entities to come together and develop a plan for this transmission line.

- a. There are willing sellers of property in this area, for development.
- b. There are developers willing to develop property
- c. The county commissioners and planning board have to approve these subdivisions, which requires the developer to leave out "green space" or pay a fee.

My contention is that if there are subdivisions in planning stage along one of these shorter routes, then why could not the county and developer leave out a 125' utility easement for this line. This will eliminate any green space being crossed, and no houses in right of way. In addition, it would minimize construction costs for Duke Energy. The developer will have permits, clear trees and property will be graded already and property already has utility easement.

The above is just an idea. I totally understand the need for this line in the Cleveland area of Johnston County. I do not understand why citizens of Four oaks are having to deal with growth issues at the other end of the county.

I would like to thank the public staff and the utility commission for giving us the opportunity to voice our disapproval to the proposed route duke has selected. I would respectfully ask that the utilities commission "NOT APPROVE" the application to construct the Cleveland Matthews line on the preferred route. I would ask that the transmission line be constructed in the Cleveland area of Johnston county on one of the shorter routes where it is needed.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Randy Johnson", written over the printed name.

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