



SUMMIT COUNTY COUNCIL

February 18, 2015

Re: Nexus Gas Transmission, LLC
Docket No. PF 15-10-000
Nexus Pipeline Project

The Summit County Council, as adopted by Resolution 2015-044, opposes the construction of the proposed Nexus High Pressure Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline, which would run through the southern portion of our county in the Cities of Green and New Franklin.

As the third densest county in the State of Ohio, a pipeline routed through Summit County is an illogical and potentially dangerous proposition. Below are several key points for consideration as to why a reroute of the proposed pipeline is the only reasonable determination.

- The natural gas transmitted through the pipeline will service customers primarily located in Canada and the residents of the Cities of Green and New Franklin will receive no benefit – public or private.
- The proposal poses a threat to residents and business due to the inherent risk of leaks and ruptures that can result in explosion, fire, environmental contamination, property damage, personal injury and even death.
- An analysis of the County's geographic records indicates that 1,791 residential parcels and 48 commercial/industrial parcels lie within the hazard area for the proposed pipeline.
- The proposed pipeline will require the allocation of additional tax revenue for emergency, medical and fire training equipment and personnel for emergency responses in the event of a pipeline disaster.
- The proposed pipeline route travels through heavily wooded areas, which could result in damaged ecosystems. Additionally, the pipeline poses a threat to the Portage Lakes State Park recreational area as well as the Nimisila River and Tuscarawas River watersheds.
- The construction of the pipeline along this route could also compromise the integrity of the private water wells and septic systems relied upon by residents and businesses nearby.
- Property values could also be negatively impacted by the route of the proposed pipeline as its presence could diminish the desire for individuals to reside near those areas.

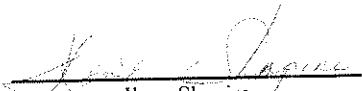


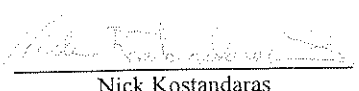
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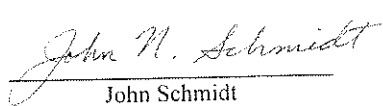
- There are reasonable, less populated, alternative routes with fewer sensitive natural resources that could be impacted – a potential route further south of the proposed route near the U.S. Route 30 corridor being one such route.


Your consideration of the above concerns during the public comment period for Docket No. PF 15-10-000 is appreciated and extremely important. A reroute of the pipeline project is the only way to ensure the health and safety of our water systems, wildlife areas and most importantly, our citizens. Please do not hesitate to contact the Summit County Council office at 330-632-2725 if you have any questions.

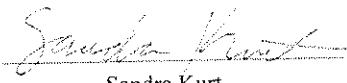
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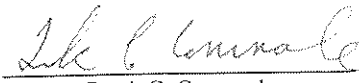

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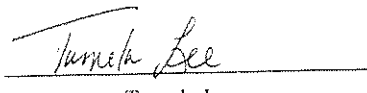

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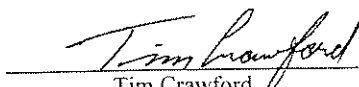

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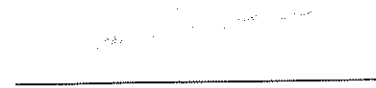

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