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My name is Jean M. Webb, a resident of Evansville Indiana. This letter is to ask that a proper environmental impact statement to evaluate whether the Project will result in adverse climate impacts is performed. This gas pipeline is being built for two peaking gas plants, in lieu of battery storage, energy efficiency, demand management, and distributed energy resources, which will result in adverse climate impacts, and will directly harm my health.

July 21, 2021 I couldn't sleep due to coughing. PM2.5 reached 47 microns/cubic meter. The next two days exceeded 25 micron/cubic meter. Despite HEPA filters on my furnace and a room purifier, I could not get my bedroom air clean. This pollution effects respiratory, circulatory, and neurological health. Wild fires were to blame for the extra high number, but climate change is bringing more wildfires. Modeling needs to include expected periods of wildfire smoke.

Climate change has brought higher temperatures and humidity which converts the more NOx to ozone, and holds the pollutants at ground level in this, the Ohio River Valley, leading to worse health outcomes. Modeling needs to be updated to reflect current weather patterns and their implications on health.

Besides the AB Brown coal plant, which will close, CenterPoint's Warrick 4 and Culley 3, as well as Alcoa operations coal plants are nearby and have no announced closure dates. Only slightly further away are coal plants in Gibson County, Rockport, IN, and Petersburg, IN. With the changing climate, those pollutants become more harmful to health and need to be assessed along with the emissions of the proposed pipeline and gas plants to determine accurate health impacts for Evansville residents.

Modeling of the proposed gas pipeline and plants must include gas leaks. On the Nextdoor App for Evansville, neighbors in the Old Melody Hills Subdivision, Keystone Subdivision, and the Oakview Subdivision reported smelling gas on July 11, 2021. I made a request to CenterPoint, Alyssia Oshodi, who said the release was from performing work on a transmission line. They were purging an isolated section of the pipeline. These type releases must be included in any environmental impact statements.

The construction of this pipeline leading to the two gas plants would harm my health. It would cause an adverse impact on climate with far greater greenhouse gas emissions that the preferable and more financially responsible alternative of battery storage, energy efficiency, demand management, and distributed energy resources.

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