

Date: *March 11th, 2023*  
Mr. Kent Chandler  
Chairman, KY Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Blvd  
Frankfort, KY 40601

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Dear Mr. Chandler,

I am writing today to ask you to revoke permission granted to LG&E to run a high-pressure methane gas pipeline through 40 acres in Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest. This would be a terrible and potentially tragic mistake. Reasons that are particularly germane to the Public Service Commission include:

1. What is the need for this pipeline? I understand that the primary user of this pipeline was intended to be Jim Beam. However, they plan to utilize energy from biodigesters to generate the power that they need. I have heard LG&E claim that they have 500 customers in need of energy, but who are these customers? LG&E is not being forthcoming about who will benefit from this pipeline.
2. There are serious safety concerns with the pipeline route. The LG&E pipeline presents a serious fire risk to both local residents and to Bernheim Forest and its wildlife. The land through which this pipeline is expected to run includes numerous sinkholes below ground and landslides above ground, making it unstable and unacceptable for a gas pipeline. Should the pipeline rupture due to this instability and gas explosions occur, Bernheim's forest will be subject to fire and place the lives of rural residents at risk. In fact, the pipeline is slated to run 30 feet from a child's bedroom on one of the local farmers' land! This is a tragedy waiting to happen, especially since there are no emergency services for residents or in the forest that would put such a fire out.
3. The pipeline is unjust. Who will pay for the pipeline? The expected cost of this pipeline is now estimated at \$74,000,000 – which is triple what it was when first proposed. With the current economy and inflation, and with maintenance on unstable land, it will likely be much more. Who pays for this? It does not seem fair and just to expect residents to pay for a pipeline being run through Bullitt County intended to serve Bullitt County businesses. Additionally, Bullitt County farmers will experience all the harm of running a gas pipeline through their farmland but receive none of the benefit.

Please immediately pull the permissions granted to LG&E for the pipeline through Bernheim!

Sincerely,

*Claude Kelly, Lexington citizen*