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Michael J. Schmitt, Chairman
Robert Cicero, Vice-Chairman
Talia Mathews, Commissioner
Kentucky Public Service Commission
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Dear Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Robert Cicero, and Ms. Mathews:

We are writing in regard to the proposed pipeline through Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest in Clermont, KY. We believe that the approval of this project is wrong and dangerous for many reasons:

1. This process has not been a transparent one. The holders of Bernheim's easement as well as the landowners did not know about the LG& E pipeline until it was far along in the process. This is not transparency and it is not right.
2. These plans have progressed without the knowledge of Bernheim and the landowners in a very hurried-up process. Kentuckians have already seen a gasline explosion in Lincoln County and in other parts of the country. Safety concerns must be given time and due diligence.
3. The cost of this project has doubled since the beginning of this proposed project. Those who are customers of LG & E will pay for the high cost of the project with a rate hike in their utility bills. Many Kentuckians work hard to make ends meet. It is not fair to have them pay for this ill-conceived plan.
4. Perhaps, more importantly than all these things, we do not see that your decisions around the approval of this proposal take into account what "community" of life really means to the people of Kentucky. Decisions should not be made just to aid in the growth of corporations. True "community" means the whole of life, plants and animals. Thousands of people go to Bernheim each year to learn about that whole of life. We are losing green space and species at an unprecedented rate in the history of this country and world.

We urge you to look at your lack of transparency and all of its consequences. We will work hard with other members of our community to preserve the green space that belongs to the people of Kentucky.

Sincerely,

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