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### Message

Your job is to protect the consumers of this state. If you allow Duke Energy to increase rates, you are NOT protecting the people, you are instead protecting the corporation. First, Duke promised WE would not pay for the coal ash cleanup, yet here we are. Second, you have systematically allowed increases as they continue to make billions of dollars. Right now, the economy is in a crisis. This is not the time to cower to political aspirations over your neighbors. I am already dealing with a substation being built in my backyard. Electric rates are the difference between food on the table or not. An increase of any amount will put more people in jeopardy - and potentially starvation, including children. For once, please do the right thing for the people. For once, say no to Duke Energy. You already have shown little confidence in loyalty, so please this is the time, if any, to show North Carolina that you support and protect the residents from corporate greed.

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Considering the amount of kick backs Duke energy gets and the fact that they are a monopoly the fact that they are requesting a rate hike is truly absurd. Why punish the customers for decisions you've made. We don't have any other options than to use Duke energy for electricity so it's really absurd that they get to hike up their prices for arbitrary reasons. The cost of electricity keeps going up yet we still have terrible overhead lines that constantly lose power. I saw duct tape holding up an electric wire the other day. In addition to that, what a slap in the face that residents get more of a rate hike than business and commercial units when commercial buildings have more resources to pay for these bills. Duke energy should really be lowering their prices for residents seeing as we don't have any other options and they squash clean energy opportunities or incorporate them in a way that only benefits their bottom line. Duke energy is a terrible monopoly with little to no accountability. They should absorb whatever costs they feel need raising with the millions in their coffers.