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Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

Regarding Docket E-2 Sub 1257, I respectfully ask that the NC Utilities Commission hold Duke to its commitment here in WNC to build 15 megawatts of new solar energy in our community as part of the plan to retire coal and transition to clean energy. This is part of the agreement that our community struck with Duke Energy to close the Lake Julian coal power plant and construct a solar project on the retired Woodfin landfill. The Utilities Commission should approve this solar project here in Buncombe County, making good on this 2015 commitment.

The retired landfill in Woodfin is an affordable site in our county, and not suited for other development. Buncombe County, which owns this land, has waived the lease on the land for this project.

This project will bring benefits to our community: new solar jobs, reducing carbon emissions, making important progress on our county's goal to reach 100% renewable energy by 2042.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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