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Dear Commission,

Clerk's Office
N.C. Utilities Commission

I am writing to object to the proposed merger between Duke Energy & Piedmont Natural Gas.

North Carolinians deserve cleaner and cheaper energy options--not more pipelines, fossil fuels, and fracked gas. Please reject this proposed deal! It's bad for business, bad for the future of North Carolina, and bad for our democracy.

Sincerely,

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From: John Hartwell <jwhartwell@gmail.com>
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Subject: Duke Energy and the Utilities Commission (for Chairman Finley)

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Clerk's Office
N.C. Utilities Commission

Dear Chairman Finley,

From my perspective as an electrical engineer, a former county commissioner, a customer of Piedmont Electric, and a long-time resident, there appears to be an unhealthy relationship between your commission and Duke Energy. Duke continually brings to the commission poor ideas, notions based upon an a-priori commitment to fossil fuels and founded on inflated estimates of the need for additional power generation. These ideas seem often to require an immediate increase in rates to fund capacity that will not come online for many years, and to subject the environment to fresh assaults that will endure for generations.

It is the job of your commission to thoroughly scrutinize these proposals, questioning the assumptions on which they are based, and soliciting testimony from knowledgeable outsiders. Your assumption should be that they are conceived within a narrow corporate framework with a much too limited view of what will be optimum for North Carolina during the lifetime of the proposed projects.

But that scrutiny seems entirely lacking. If newspaper accounts are correct, the only discussions that matter are those between the company and the commission's staff that take place outside public view. The commission itself seems predisposed to wave the company's proposals through with as little open debate as possible. Opponents are treated harshly and with disrespect. The process is arrogant. It suggests incompetence at best, corruption at worst.

While I do not buy my own power from Duke Energy, I do own rental property that is served by Duke. As an engineer, I like to see thorough analyses and truly good solutions. As an elected official I swore to work for the health and safety of all our people, an obligation that I still take seriously. So when the utilities commission fails in its duty I feel it personally.

I urge you to think freshly about the role of the utilities commission and your leadership of it. I urge you to take the long view, to consider your relations with the citizenry as a whole and the precedents that you are setting. It is essential that you be broad-minded and fair. You have no particular duty to Duke Energy, but your responsibility to our grand children is inescapable.

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