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Statement of Position Submitted

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Docket

Docket No. E-2, Sub 1318/EC-67, Sub 55.

Message

Building more gas plants is risky for customer bills, due to the volatile price of methane gas. As a customer, I am extremely concerned. Solar and wind are a more cost-effective alternative to gas plants. Gas plants are expensive and paid for by Duke customers. To comply with federal regulations that reduce climate pollution, the gas plant will require expensive upgrades, need to run less often, or be at risk of closing early. The proposed gas plants would require a new methane gas pipeline, which would impact properties in Person County. Person County is already burdened by environmental pollution. This community has already been impacted by the coal plant's air pollution and coal ash leaching into groundwater. Building a new gas plant is inconsistent with a bipartisan state law that requires Duke to reduce carbon emissions. I urge you to the right thing and change this plan to a better alternative. Respectfully submitted.

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Docket

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Message

PLEASE, I ask you PLEASE do NOT build any gas plant where ever....PLEASE withdraw any plans and cancel all association with this gas plant. PLEASE, our air pollution at present is above standard levels=no more!!!

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Docket

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Message

We want clean, affordable energy for North Carolina. But Duke Energy has proposed an energy plan that relies on methane gas, which would increase an average household's electric bill by \$80 a month by 2038! This plan also involves one of the largest buildouts in new methane gas power plants of any power company in the country — including a new gas plant at Hyco Lake in Person County. Unfortunately, customers would bear the financial risk of the gas plants, because Duke passes the cost of building the power plants and the fuel to run them onto customers through electricity bills. While Duke makes a guaranteed profit from building new gas plants, North Carolinians pay the cost through our power bills, our health and our air and water.

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Docket

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Message

Duke Energy only has solutions that cost NC citizens more money and pollute the environment. Give renewables a chance. Thank you

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Docket

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Message

Please do not approve Duke's new methane gas plant. It is not cost effective, and it is destructive to the quality of life of the citizens in that area and the wildlife. Please preserve our beautiful Appalachia.

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Message

I am writing to you as a parent and grandparent, and I value clean air, clean water, wildlife, and access to nature, and I hope that my grandchildren will be able to experience that as well. Conservation and the protection of our natural world need to be prioritized over lining the pockets of our corporations. Burning methane gas releases carbon dioxide, the primary driver of climate change, and methane itself is an aggressive greenhouse gas when it leaks into the atmosphere from pipelines, compressor stations, and fracking wells. According to the International Energy Administration, methane is responsible for 30% of the rise in today's global temperatures. Duke Energy has proposed an energy plan that relies on methane gas, which would increase an average household's electric bill by \$80 a month by 2038! This plan also involves one of the largest buildouts in new methane gas power plants of any power company in the country — including a new gas plant at Hyco Lake in Person County. The South is facing the one of the largest methane gas buildouts in the country, as utilities region wide continue to propose new gas plants and gas pipelines that would lock us into yet another fossil fuel for decades, derailing the transition from coal to clean energy. Swapping coal for gas as the next frontier of fossil fuels will increase pollution in Southern communities and put climate goals firmly out of reach for another generation. Methane is a super pollutant — a fossil fuel that is one of the world's most potent, dangerous greenhouse gases and poses tremendous risks to our health and climate. Methane is more than 80 times as potent as carbon dioxide at trapping heat in the atmosphere. It is the primary component of what utilities call "natural gas." Most commonly extracted through hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" using horizontal drilling and pumping chemicals into the ground to break up shale formations, methane gas poses pollution risks at every level of its production and use. Methane gas power plants and compressor stations threaten surrounding communities — often communities of color who have already borne the brunt of harm from industrial facilities for decades — with dangerous air pollution. This includes pollutants like fine particulates and formaldehyde which are harmful even at very low levels. Methane pipelines and other

infrastructure are also prone to leaks and explosions. In addition to implications for public health and quality of life, volatile fuel prices and the major financial investments of plants and pipelines pile on more financial strain for Southern families who are already paying some of the highest monthly electric bills in the nation. Demand from both residential and industrial customers for cleaner, more affordable energy options like solar, wind, and battery storage only continues to grow across the South. And unlike the expensive cost of gas plants and pipelines, the price of these clean options continues to drop. Investing in more energy efficiency and reducing barriers to renewable energy region wide will help to address the high energy burden communities are facing, lowering monthly bills while creating local jobs. Please deny Duke's proposed methane gas plant!

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Message

Please deny Duke's proposed new gas methane plant! Building more gas plants is risky for customer bills, due to the volatile price of methane gas. Gas plants are expensive and paid for by Duke customers. To comply with federal regulations that reduce climate pollution, the gas plant will require expensive upgrades, need to run less often, or be at risk of closing early. Solar and wind are a more cost-effective alternative to gas plants. The proposed gas plants would require a new methane gas pipeline, which would impact properties in Person County. Person County is already burdened by environmental pollution. This community has already been impacted by the coal plant's air pollution and coal ash leaching into groundwater. Building a new gas plant is inconsistent with a bipartisan state law that requires Duke to reduce carbon emissions. We deserve a say in how we power our homes and businesses. We know there are safer and more affordable options with renewable energy.

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I strongly say NO to Duke Energy's proposed power plant. Thank you, Paul Turner

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Methane gas plants are a planet killer and terrible for our health. Please do not approve this monster!

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Message

Please protect North Carolinians and do not give Duke carte blanche on their proposed massive methane gas plant buildout. Building more gas plants is risky for customer bills, due to the volatile price of methane gas. Gas plants are notoriously expensive and historically are always paid for by Duke customers. This means even further increased energy costs for customers who are already hurting from Duke's recent rate increases. Our electricity bills continue to go up while Duke makes record profits. This is unacceptable. Furthermore, to comply with federal regulations that reduce climate pollution, the gas plant will require expensive upgrades, need to run less often, or be at risk of closing early. Building a new gas plant is also completely inconsistent with a bipartisan state law that requires Duke to reduce carbon emissions. Solar and wind are a more cost-effective alternative to gas plants and are by far a better investment for our communities. Finally, the proposed gas plants would require a new methane gas pipeline, which would impact properties in Person County already burdened by environmental pollution. This community has already been impacted by the coal plant's air pollution and coal ash leaching into groundwater. Please protect Person County citizens and all North Carolinians from Duke's latest effort to expand gas buildout for their own profit at the expense of North Carolinians' hard-earned savings and safety.

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Message

We are writing to provide our public input on Duke Energy's proposed methane gas plant in Person County. Although Duke glosses over the many shortcomings of this plan, there are many indisputable facts that bear them out: High methane gas prices have driven up electricity bills and methane gas prices are unpredictable, with price spikes paid for by customers, not shareholders. Construction costs are passed on to customers, yet are hidden from the public. Ditto for upgrades and the implicitly higher cradle to grave fossil fuel generation maintenance. In all this, Duke Energy takes profits, but no risk, placing unfair burdens on the environment and host community. At full capacity, the only way methane generation can meet environmental regulations will be to use carbon costly carbon capture/storage. In the age of sustainable energy options, it's long past time to stop propping up the viability of fossil fuel generation with inefficient effluent fixes. Of course, supplying the plant with fuel will also burden the region with substantial environmental impact in new pipelines, with all the latent risks that go along with it. For an area already assaulted by decades of coal air and groundwater pollution, forcing new fossil fuel plant infrastructure on local residents is hardly equitable. NC citizens must be able to trust our public utility commissions to stand tall in requiring smart investment that prioritizes environment and community. It's not unreasonable to demand that a corporation gifted by NC with a public utility monopoly must plan proactively in the best interests of the public and ratepayer. This short-sighted, primitive energy generation plan favors shareholders above all others. We urge you to deny this application and tell Duke Energy to transition away from fossil fuel generation in Person County and elsewhere.

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Message

Burning fossil methane is only going to exacerbate the climate crisis. NC needs to build small modular nuclear plants ASAP and use them to phase out all combustion of fossil fuels. And NC government needs to help fight climate change by expediting the permitting of those nuclear plants.

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Message

Building new methane plants is a bad idea. Here are few of the reasons why it's a bad idea: Building more gas plants is risky for customer bills, due to the volatile price of methane gas. Gas plants are expensive and paid for by Duke customers. To comply with federal regulations that reduce climate pollution, the gas plant will require expensive upgrades, need to run less often, or be at risk of closing early. Solar and wind are a more cost-effective alternative to gas plants. The proposed gas plants would require a new methane gas pipeline, which would impact properties in Person County. Person County is already burdened by environmental pollution. This community has already been impacted by the coal plant's air pollution and coal ash leaching into groundwater. Building a new gas plant is inconsistent with a bipartisan state law that requires Duke to reduce carbon emissions. Please do what's best for the planet and the residents of North Carolina. Turn down Duke Energies proposal to build a new methane plant. Thank you.

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