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NC Utilities Commission

Dear Utilities Commission,

I urge the North Carolina Utilities Commission to reject the unfair Duke Energy Carolinas rate proposals (Docket No. E-7, Sub 1214).

The proposed 6.7% residential increase unfairly shifts costs to residential customers and burdens us with the expense of Duke's coal ash cleanup.

The Public Staff of the commission recently recommended a significant decrease in rates instead. North Carolinians shouldn't pay for Duke's cleanup or excessive infrastructure spending request. We can't afford it and the spending does not benefit residential customers.

Utility rates are an essential pocketbook issue for people age 50-plus and their families, many of whom struggle to balance paying utility bills and other household expenses along with buying food and medicine.

In addition, Duke's proposed return on equity is too high and could cost residential customers billions in unnecessary costs.

Finally, the customer charge should be rolled back. Older Americans tend to use less electricity, and high fixed charges deny them the full benefit of their lower usage.

Please reject the unfair Duke Energy Carolinas rate hike proposals.

Thank you for your consideration,

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