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Subject: What if you had to pay for Duke Energy's bad decisions?

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for Steffi Rausch's oped on businesses, innovators, oil and gas companies, economists and individuals supporting carbon emissions fees. Until a carbon fee is enacted, consumers must vigilantly ensure utility companies don't make long term investments in outmoded energy infrastructure that their local communities will have to payback for decades. That's what a carbon fee can do for us. It can relieve us of the worry that our utilities will make enormous investments in old technologies due to laziness, or habit, or their personal profit motives. A carbon fee will encourage electricity providers to choose the newest technology and modernize our electrical grid with options that best serve us.

When you live in boring times, with no innovation and change, you don't have to worry about an expensive purchase becoming obsolete before you reap its full benefit. But we live in exciting times with rapidly changing technologies. If you build a new house today, would you waste money wiring every room for telephone jacks? Why waste money on long term natural gas infrastructure when indicators suggest we're headed for carbon-free energy as fast as we went from desktop computers to laptops to smart phones!

A national carbon fee would motivate utility companies to embrace innovations instead of resisting. A well-written carbon fee bill will impact energy companies, innovators and utilities, but electricity buyers can be shielded.

Please urge your Representative Patrick McHenry to work with a growing group of House Republicans on economically viable carbon fee legislation to protect you from bad decisions made by utility companies without your consent.

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Atty Gen Cooper,

Please use your authority to urge a full and transparent examination of Duke Energy's project. Make them address the concerns of technical experts. Also, is their acquiring Piedmont Natural Gas not viewed as them becoming a monopoly? As if they weren't already? How is that legal?

Thank you

Concerned citizen

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It's too bad (for the public and the environment) that nowhere in your Mission Statement is 'Encourage transitioning to renewable sources of energy.' The oil, coal and gas industry having been getting subsidies for over one hundred years. It is past time to make renewables cost-competitive by making the use of them revenue neutral through fees and subsidies for solar, wind and water. This is the only way to provide incentives for moving in the right direction for the health of the public and the earth. You are serving Duke Energy's wishes well, not the public's.

Lisa Milner



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THE NC UTILITIES COMMISSION:

BY DEFINITION, A PEAKING UNIT IS BASICALLY ONLY NEEDED DURING HEAVY AIR CONDITIONING USE. FORTUNATELY, THOSE ARE THE LONGEST DAYS FOR SOLAR-PRODUCING PEAK SUNLIGHT. GOD GAVE US THE ULTIMATE PEAKING UNIT, THE SUN, SO, LET'S NOT BLOCK THE GIFT OF SUNLIGHT WITH MORE POLLUTION FROM FOSSIL FUEL.

THE SOLAR INDUSTRY HAS CREATED MORE JOBS IN N.C. THAN THE GAS INDUSTRY WILL. WHY WOULD WE WANT TO BUY GAS FROM OUT OF STATE ANYMORE THAN WE HAVE TO?

DUKE PROMISED US SOLAR IN ARDEN, SO WHERE ARE THE PLANS? THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY KILLED JOBS IN NC WHEN THEY KILLED THE STATE TAX CREDIT. SO, NOW THE SOLAR INSTALLERS WILL GO TO SC TO FIND WORK. MAKE DUKE KEEP THEIR PROMISE TO BUILD SOLAR AND PUT NORTH CAROLINIANS BACK TO WORK.

THE PEOPLE IN POWER IN NC HAVE LET THE PEOPLE OF NC DOWN, BY MAKING DECISIONS TO BUY OUT OF STATE COAL AND GAS.

I'M TIRED OF PAYING DUKE TO POLLUTE THE AIR I'M BREATHING, I WANT CLEAN SOLAR ENERGY NOW!

PLEASE SHOW US THAT YOU, WITH YOUR POWER, CAN MAKE A WISE DECISION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

THANK YOU

Bruce Clarke

Statement of Position Re: Docket No. E-2 Sub 1089
Duke Energy's Proposed Replacement Plan for the Asheville Coal Plant

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- I/We are opposed to Duke's Request (Re: Docket No. E-2 Sub 1089) for the Following Reasons:
1. It is premature to include a third natural gas turbine unit (192MW) in the application since this unit is not needed until 2023 and may not be needed at all if the new clean energy partnership with the City of Asheville and Buncombe County (and other energy efficiency programs) are successful.
 2. Duke Energy should be required to publicly disclose its future energy needs models. Otherwise, how can an informed decision be made? Historically Duke has overestimated future energy needs.
 3. Duke's plans for 15 MW of solar and 5 MW of utility-scale battery storage are welcome, however, the solar capacity should be much larger. Solar must be part of the current application and its installation must be a requirement for Commission approval of the two new gas turbine units.
 4. The commission must require Duke to formulate an ongoing energy efficiency program and periodically report on its success. Energy efficiency is the proven least cost option for meeting electricity demand.

Therefore, I urge the Commission to reject the current proposal that relies solely on fossil fuels and ask Duke to resubmit a plan to scale back the gas generation capacity, implement more solar capacity and commit to implement an energy efficiency program.

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