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Statement to the North Carolina Utilities Commission

By Karen Mallam, Siler City, NC

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As a citizen of North Carolina, and grandmother to children living in North Carolina, I urge you to reject the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) proposed by Duke Energy Progress.

My reasons for opposing the plan include:

- 1) Duke Energy's growth forecasts vary, from flat to declining (former CEO Jim Rogers) to 1.5% in the IRP, to .5-.9% in public statements by CEO Lynn Good and NC President Paul Newton;
- 2) The difference between these growth rates is almost \$25 billion in new plant construction over the next 15 years. That is \$25 billion that we ratepayers will have to pay;
- 3) Dukes Energy has adopted a long-term plan for North Carolina that calls for more expensive, dirty power plants. The public interest favors cheaper, cleaner alternatives that are currently available. My husband and I generate 9.2 kwh of solar power that goes into the grid, and solar power is becoming cheaper to produce every day;
- 4) Duke Energy has only planner for 3% renewal energy (including solar) in 2029, even though the NC Renewable Energy portfolio Standard requires 12.5%;
- 5) This plan presumes the Duke Energy reliance on coal. The recent massive coal ash spill in the Dan River requires an immediate reduction in toxic coal ash and the closing of coal based power plants;
- 6) A supportable IRP would include investments in distributed generation, putting energy where it is needed, and utilizing renewable resources.

In summary, I urge the Utilities Commission to do their job and stand up for the citizens of North Carolina in rejecting Duke Energy's revised Integrated Resource Plan. The health and future of our children/grandchildren should not be sacrificed on the altar of corporate greed.

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Hello my name is Peter Hansma and I have been a resident of D North Carolina since birth.

Thank you for allowing me to speak with you today.

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I have had the privilege of spending my life enjoying the Clerk's Office Carolina coast, it's rolling countryside, and majestic mountains.

I want our children to be able to enjoy this same privilege.

I'm concerned with the aggressive suppression of alternative and renewable energy sources.

Specifically, Duke Energy plans only minimal amounts of renewable energy & energy efficiency within the next 15 years according to it's Integrated Resource Plan.

In effect, Duke Energy is stating that global warming & climate change does not matter to them, and that only making a profit matters.

For many in our state Fresh air, clean streams, and serene mountains are not worth sacrificing for Duke Energy's greed.

We have lost over 540 named mountains in the Appalachia chain, ground water, rivers, & wildlife have been threatened, and air quality is creating more cases of respiratory conditions everyday.

We cannot continue down this road, we cannot accept the risks to our environment, and we will no longer tolerate Duke Energy's excuses.

Instead of using captured rate-payers money to build more coal, natural gas, and nuclear power plants Duke Energy needs to step into the sunlight of the 21st century and invest in renewable energy sources for the good of our planet.

Solar and costal wind energy are abundant in North Carolina and can provide large amounts of electricity with no fuel costs and minimal health threats to the communities and the environment.

We are jeopardizing our children's and grandchildren's future health, environment, and economic livelihood.

Our planet's future is in their hands, please don't let Duke squander it for shareholder's temporary financial comfort.

My name is Peter Hansma, and I am asking you to reject Duke Energy's Integrated Resource Plan.

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