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From: mercerdawson@triad.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 10:21 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Duke rate increase request

In regards to Duke Power's request for a rate increase, it is outrageous to consider allowing them to charge customers for the company's own irresponsible blunders. Duke Power is basically a monopoly, and they have too much influence with our state government as it is. To allow them to avoid financial loss when they misbehave and cause environmental damage or public harm, completely removes any disincentive to future reckless behavior. Allowing this rate increase would signal that Duke Power can basically get away with anything they want. No other industry has this kind of freedom from accountability.

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From: Terry Kerr <tkerr4599@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 10:10 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Duke Energy Proposed Rate Increases

Is Duke Energy serious? They have requested a nearly 17% increase plus a sneaky, lowdown charge to each customer of 19.50 just for connection? This is like Walmart charging each customer who comes in the store a fee just to shop and buy merchandise! This is outrageous! The Utilities Commission must lower Duke's rate increase to a reasonable rate (4-5%) and turn down their idiotic connection fee entirely.

What is Duke Energy's total profit annually? How much do their executives earn? How about all the poor, jobless, disabled, and dependent people who cannot afford such increases? These new rate requests are ridiculous and should be denied forcefully. Duke Energy should be ashamed!

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From: Michele Gordon <mich.gordon.levy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 9:15 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Please do not approve Duke rates' increase

Hello!

As a resident of Greensboro, NC & a Duke Energy customer, I believe the utility should not be allowed to increase rates at this time. They are trying to please shareholders and Wall Street.

As a resident of Greensboro, I have no other choice but to use Duke Energy, unless I want to live off the grid, which is not practical. Duke should pay the expense of cleaning up the coal ash ponds out of its annual profits not have the public bare the cost. The utility had been warned years ago about the potential issue their coal ash ponds could cause and they chose to ignore them. Before the company pays dividends to its shareholders, Duke should use its own revenue to meet environmental regulations.

Thank you!
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From: Cheryl Crago <ccrago@triad.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 8:28 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Re: Duke Energy's request for a rate increase

As customers of Duke Energy, all of us who do not have an alternative means of generating power are a captive audience. The only way we can save money is to decrease our use of electricity and many of us have taken those steps.

Duke Energy's leaders have made a number of poor business decisions with respect to disposal of coal ash and building a nuclear plant. The cost of their faulty business decisions should fall squarely on their shoulders and their stockholders. Generous dividends and huge salaries for executives are two places where cuts need to be made. **No rate increase should be allowed.** Duke Energy's leaders need to take responsibility for their own shortcomings. We will not bail them out.

*Cheryl L. Crago
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From: PHYLLIS MILLS <millspam@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 8:31 AM
To: Statements
Subject: comments on duke energy rate increase

to whom it may concern:

I am against an rate increase for duke energy.

I am a 75 year on a fixed income to pay all bills,mortgage payment,and food. an hike increase for duke energy will stress me out on how to continue paying my bills at the end of the day I will have to make yet another decision out of my control.On my finances a really tight budget of \$900.00 a month don't go very far but I maintain the best I can.

regards
Clifton Mills
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From: Sandra Tetterton <teach2012@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 3:01 PM
To: Statements
Cc: Sandra Tetterton
Subject: Duke Energy rate hike

I am writing to appeal to you, the North Carolina Utilities Committee, to not approve the 16.7% rate hike requested by Duke Energy. I do not understand how we the customers have to pay for their mistake. It was not the customers who made mistakes, it was Duke Energy.

I am a retiree though not yet classified as a senior citizen, but I can imagine the struggles this will cause for many in North Carolina who are senior citizens or low income. I can imagine these folks struggling to make a choice between paying for food or medicine or having heat in their home or lights on in their houses.

The CEO of Duke Energy Lynn Goode makes scads of money the rest of us could never imagine earning but she wants more, financed on the backs of middle and lower class customers of Duke Energy.

Duke Energy has a monopoly on power producers in this state so many of us have no choice as to where our power comes from, because believe me if there was a choice I would be using someone else.

I hope your committee will consider not allowing this 16.7% rate hike in favor of the little folks for once.

Thank you

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From: Dolly Olson <golson3@triad.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 3:38 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Duke Energy Rates

Importance: High

To the North Carolina Utilities Commission:

This letter is in response to comments in the Greensboro News & Record about Duke Energy wanting a rate increase of 16.7 % **AND** to start charging \$19.50 to allow electricity flow into a home ! **PLEASE** , you cannot allow either of these issues to happen. My husband and I are seniors citizens and live on a small fixed income. It is hard enough for us with medical bills, housing, food, etc . to make ends meet. These suggestions are terrible and would hurt a lot of people. My husband and I are members of AARP and totally support them in this effort.

A better suggestion would be for Duke to charge higher rates to the larger companies in the area **AND** maybe consider cutting the salaries of their top executives, I'm sure it would hurt them less than it will us ! Also, we citizens should not have to "foot the bill" for the problems Duke faces concerning the coal -ash spills, and we all know that this is what these rate hikes are about !

Please do your research and your job and protect us citizens from companies like Duke Energy who can and do take advantage of people considered as "the lower class" .

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Olson
Greensboro, NC