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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Grace Jurkoski  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:32 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** potential rate hike

Mar 5, 2020

NC Utilities Commission

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Docket Number: E-2 Sub 1219

Sincerely,

Ms. Grace Jurkoski

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Alisa Hixson  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:32 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** PLEASE SAY NO TO DUKE ENERGY RATE HIKES!

Mar 5, 2020

NC Utilities Commission

Dear Utilities Commission,

I am outraged and disgusted that Duke Energy is proposing to raise our electricity rates.

The proposed Rate hike requests by Duke Energy Progress would not only force us to pay for the company's coal ash cleanup, but includes a grid improvement plan that is excessive: \$8.7 billion over ten years. Since the company earns a return on its infrastructure spending, "gold plating" grid improvements with unnecessary items makes our rates unaffordable.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Alisa Hixson  
155 Chatham Road  
Asheville, NC 28804

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Rochelle Pascoe  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:32 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Target Letter Subject Line Goes Here

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Mrs. Rochelle Pascoe

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Gary Jung  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:32 PM  
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Mr. Gary Jung

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Bernard Vaudrin  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Mr. Bernard Vaudrin

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**Subject:** Duke is Poisoning Asheville NC!

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Charles Drake  
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Mr. Charles Drake

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Sincerely,

Dr. Nirbhay Singh

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Thomas Swanson  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Mr. Thomas Swanson

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Kathryn Walker  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Ms. Kathryn Walker

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of George Moran  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Ksrl DeKing  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of MITCHELL DEMSKO  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:31 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Stop The Increase

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Sincerely,

Mr. MITCHELL DEMSKO

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Vicki Eckman  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:31 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Duke is Already Poisoningrget Letter Subject Line Goes Here

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Marjorie Latta  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:31 PM  
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Mrs. Marjorie Latta

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Mrs. Marjorie Latta

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**From:** Elizabeth Acker  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:20 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Elizabeth Acker

## Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Elizabeth Acker

### Email

eacker67@gmail.com

### Docket

Docket No. E-2 Sub 1142

### Message

Dear NC Utilities Commission, I would like to take this opportunity to ask that you do not approve Duke Energy's purposed asking rate increase of 14.3% for residential customers on October 30. I feel like this increase is too high for the people that depend on Duke Energy for their electric needs. I currently work with families as a Care Coordinator for the Easterseals Child First program in New Bern NC and the surrounding counties. I have seen many families struggle to pay their electric bills throughout the year, especially during the colder and warmer months. Families are just starting to try to get back to normal after Hurricane Florence devastated the area less than two years ago. Please consider these issues when making your decision. Thank you for your time, Elizabeth Acker

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Joseph Lauritzen  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:03 PM  
**To:** Statements  
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**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:03 PM  
**To:** Statements  
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Please help ensure I do not end up homeless

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:03 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Lower my rates

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NC Utilities Commission

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**Conyers, Tamika**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of William Stewart  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:03 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** No higher rates, please.

Mar 5, 2020

NC Utilities Commission

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Mr. William Stewart

**Conyers, Tamika**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Marc Ribaldo  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:02 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Duke Energy Progress rate hike

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Sincerely,

Dr. Marc Ribaldo

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Joan Pedersen  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:02 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Target Letter Subject Line Goes Here

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Ms. Joan Pedersen

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Linda Woolard <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:02 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Dear Electric Company, God has blessed you in so many ways so why not be a BLESSING to your customers in Jesus Messiah name ...

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Janice VanDine  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:02 PM  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Chris Sokolowski  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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**Conyers, Tamika**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Stephen Boletchek  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Dr. Ladd Smith

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Judith Schmidt  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Ms. Judith Schmidt

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Deborah Hoffman  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 8:02 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** A 14% increase is unacceptable

Mar 5, 2020

NC Utilities Commission

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Kermit Brown  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Gary Abode  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Theresa Eaton  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Gary Barbato  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 8:02 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** No new increase on customer's Duke Energy bills

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Claire Tiernan  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 8:03 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Target Letter Subject Line Goes Here

Mar 5, 2020

NC Utilities Commission

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35 Brookstone Place  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Ben Gentry  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of kenneth stallings  
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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 8:32 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Target Letter Subject Line Goes Here

Mar 5, 2020

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Sincerely,

Miss Linda Phillips

**Conyers, Tamika**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Vicki Wilson  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Ms. Vicki Wilson

**Conyers, Tamika**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of James Dicke  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 8:32 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Unfair and unnecessary rate hikes

Mar 5, 2020

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Sincerely,

Dr. James Dicke

**Conyers, Tamika**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Minnie Jones  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Mrs. Minnie Jones

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Sharon Treadway  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 8:32 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Keep rates fair

Mar 5, 2020

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Van C Joffrion  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Johnnie Fields  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 6, 2020 12:02 AM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Dear NC Utilities Commission:

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of sylvia nelson  
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Mrs. sylvia nelson

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