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Message

To: North Carolina Utilities Commission My name is Peggy Fry from Wilmington, NC. As a Duke Energy customer and rate payer, I am urging the North Carolina Utilities Commission to reject Duke Energy's fossil fuel- powered proposed plan they have submitted for your approval. Mother Nature is screaming at the top of her lungs loud and clear- we can no longer continue with a fossil-fuel powered society if we want to protect our communities from the ravages of climate change and renew and nourish the environmental and social health of our communities. Duke's Consolidated Carbon Plan & Integrated Resource Plan (CPIRP) would not only lock in this badly misguided and irresponsible energy plan for the next 15 years, but it would also allow Duke to nearly DOUBLE its existing gas capacity, adding 9,000 MV of new fossil gas and keep another 8,000-9,000 MV of coal burning until 2036. It would also drive-up energy costs for Duke customers and make it virtually impossible to meet NC's Carbon Plan goals which would cause great harm to human health, vulnerable communities, and the environment. Communities already living in the shadow of the existing dirty power plants have long paid the price for our reliance on dirty energy. Building new gas infrastructure and making us more dependent on fracked gas for our electricity risks climate catastrophe from fugitive methane, will saddle ratepayers like me with billions in stranded costs, requires destructive pipelines and leaves all of us at the mercy of gas price volatility. But the most important reason to reject Duke's plan? It's the OPPOSITE of what the majority of North Carolinians want! According to surveys, a whopping 75% of North Carolinians want clean energy, NOT dirty fracked gas. 80% of residents who have adopted clean energy say they are paying less for electricity. Mother Nature has spoken, and so have North Carolinians: we want a final carbon plan that is in the PUBLIC interest, not keep propping up destructive, dirty energy entities who are putting their continued lust for profits over the future and well-being of this state and her people. Put clean energy, equity, and a better, future-oriented swift transition away from fossil fuels as the CENTERPIECE of the

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North Carolina Carbon Plan. The future of our children, our grandchildren and future generations depend on it. Respectfully, Margaret "Peggy" Fry Wilmington, NC

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