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Clerk's Office
N.C. Utilities Commission

North Carolina Utilities Commission 4325 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-4300

Dear North Carolina Utilities Commission:

I am writing in reference to Duke Energy's request for a rate hike. I DO NOT support a rate hike and urge you to vote against it. In fact, I believe rates should be lowered because the CEO and other Duke executives make exorbitant salaries. I understand that Duke makes millions, if not billions, in profits every year. Duke is a public utility and it should serve the public, including returning some of its profits to the people who pay the bills.

As far as coal ash clean-up, the executives who make outrageous salaries should have been making better decisions and should bear the cost of cleaning this up. If Duke were a private or public company, instead of a regulated utility, these executives would have been fired instead or protected.

I urge you to vote with the citizens and consumers and not with Duke.

Thank you in advance for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Martich