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Dear Chairman Edward S. Finley, Jr.:

In response to the item in today's (1/30/09) Charlotte Observer, I have sent the following letter to that newspaper:

"Let's urge Duke Energy and the N.C. Utilities Commission to try every possible way to reach an accommodation to assure that the solar-rooftops initiative becomes a reality. The example of visible solar rooftops to our communities will be an enormous marketing benefit to Duke.

"We hope Duke can appreciate the long-term benefits of utilizing this clean and available technology to our country and to the world--more than just the 25-year life of this one project."

Chairman Finley and Commissioners, I urge you to negotiate with Duke Energy so that the solar-rooftops initiative will go forward as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation with Duke Energy on this vitally important matter.

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