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From: Anne Tazewell <annetazewell54@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:33 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

Dear Commissioners:

In 2015, as part of the agreement the community struck with Duke Energy to close the coal power plant in western NC, Duke agreed to build 15 megawatts of new solar energy in the community. This was an integral part of the overall plan to retire coal and begin transitioning to clean energy, and the Utilities Commission acknowledged this deal in approving Duke's Western Carolinas Modernization Project that included the new gas plant.

The first 5 megawatts of this 15 megawatts of solar energy, with city, county and Duke agreement, was to be a solar project on the retired landfill in Woodfin. Buncombe County put out a RFP bid which was won by Duke to build and maintain these solar installations on the landfill.

However, the public staff of the NC Utilities Commission is now recommending that the solar installations be built in the eastern part of NC where larger projects are more feasible.

The Utilities Commission should approve the solar projects in Buncombe County, making good on their 2015 commitment.

The retired landfill in Woodfin is an affordable site in the county, and not suited for other development. Buncombe County, which owns this land, has waived the lease on the land for this project which should make it more attractive financially. It will also be a good example for other potential underutilized solar landfill sites.

Most important, this project will bring benefits: new solar jobs, in the community, reducing carbon emissions, making important progress Buncombe County's goal to reach 100% renewable energy by 2042.

Thank you for your consideration of this request

Anne E Tazewell

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Green, Erica

From: Michelle Robinson <shellrobinson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:17 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you today to order you to hold Duke to its commitment and advance the City/County goal of reaching 100 percent renewable energy by 2042. Our world is currently falling apart due to greed on the part of larger organizations and an apparent disregard for the planet that we live on that provides us life.

In 2015, as part of the agreement that our community struck with Duke Energy to close the Lake Julian coal power plant, Duke agreed to build 15 megawatts of new solar energy in our community.

This commitment made to our community needs to be upheld. Please don't ignore our planet and future generations.

Thank you for your time,
Michelle Robinson



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Green, Erica

From: Aileen Wiglesworth <awiglesw@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:29 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Buncombe county solar project

Please approve the solar project on the retired Buncombe County landfill so that Duke Energy can complete it as agreed.

This project will bring benefits to our community: new solar jobs, reducing carbon emissions, making important progress on our county's goal to reach 100% renewable energy by 2042.

Aileen Wiglesworth

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Green, Erica

From: jwbromer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Bromer <jwbromer@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:59 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

Dear NC Utilities Commission Members,

I am writing to urge you to approve the 5 MW solar facility proposed by Duke Energy Progress at 2720 Riverside Drive in Woodfin, NC. This project is a critical component of Duke's 2015 commitment to build 15 new MW of solar energy as part of its Western Carolinas Modernization Project. The NC Utilities Commission has supported and urged timely implementation of Duke's solar commitment, and now your approval is key to moving this commitment forward.

When the NC Utilities Commission expressed support for 15 MW of solar in Duke's Western Carolinas Modernization Project, your body acknowledged and supported that if all 15 MW of solar could not fit at the former coal plant, "[Duke] will supplement the on-site solar facility with a combination of rooftop, community, or other utility-scale solar facilities at other locations in the Asheville area." Now that Duke has identified a cost-effective site in our community for this additional 5 MW of solar, I urge you to approve it so the solar installation can be built in a timely fashion.

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Please allow Duke to make good on its commitment for 15 MW of solar energy in our region. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

John Bromer

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Green, Erica

From: DONALD HARLAND <dharland@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 5:55 PM
To: Statements
Subject: "Docket E-2 Sub 1257."

In 2015, as part of the agreement that our community struck with Duke Energy to close the Lake Julian coal power plant, Duke agreed to build 15 megawatts of new solar energy in our community. The first 5 megawatts in the plan Duke was to be a solar project on the retired landfill in Woodfin. Buncombe County issued a request for proposals, which was won by Duke to build and maintain the solar installation on the landfill. However, the public staff of the NC Utilities Commission is now recommending that the solar installations be built in the eastern part of the state, where larger projects are more feasible.

It's not good policy to ignore the commitments made by our community to reduce local generation with fossil fuels. The retired landfill in Woodfin is affordable and not suited to other development. Buncombe County has waived the lease on the land for this project. The project will benefit our community with new solar jobs and reduced carbon emissions. It is needed to advance our City/County goal of reaching 100% renewable energy by 2042.

Importantly, when the Modernization Plan was approved, all parties - the Commission, Duke and our Community - understood that this local solar installation was essential. **To reverse course five years later is a betrayal.**

Green, Erica

From: Robin MacCurdy <rubymtn23@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 4:24 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

Please approve the solar project on the retired Buncombe County landfill so that Duke Energy can complete it as agreed.

This project will bring benefits to our community: new solar jobs, reducing carbon emissions, making important progress on our county's goal to reach 100% renewable energy by 2042.

**Sincerely,
Robin MacCurdy
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Fairview, NC 28730**

Green, Erica

From: sarahclement1995@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sarah Clement <sarahclement1995@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 3:57 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

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Please allow Duke to make good on its commitment for 15 MW of solar energy in our region. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

*Sincerely,
Sarah Clement*

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Green, Erica

From: tomcraggs@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Thomas Craggs
<tomcraggs@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 3:24 PM
To: Statements
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*Sincerely,
Thomas Craggs*

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Green, Erica

From: tomkociemba@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tom Kociemba
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Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 3:18 PM
To: Statements
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*Sincerely,
Tom Kociemba*

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Green, Erica

From: nhamby@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nadine Hamby <nhamby@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 2:54 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

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Sincerely,

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Green, Erica

From: merykrause@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mery Krause
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Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 1:52 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

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*Sincerely,
Mery Krause*

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Green, Erica

From: alpa3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alison Ormsby <alpa3@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

Dear NC Utilities Commission Members,

We are in the midst of a climate emergency. An ideal location exists for a solar farm - a cleared area. I am writing to urge you to approve the 5 MW solar facility proposed by Duke Energy Progress at 2720 Riverside Drive in Woodfin, NC. This project is a critical component of Duke's 2015 commitment to build 15 new MW of solar energy as part of its Western Carolinas Modernization Project. The NC Utilities Commission has supported and urged timely implementation of Duke's solar commitment, and now your approval is key to moving this commitment forward.

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*Sincerely,
Alison Ormsby*

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Green, Erica

From: nrachelstein@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rachel Stein
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Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 1:06 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

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*Sincerely,
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Green, Erica

From: andrew.breunig@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Andrew Breunig
<andrew.breunig@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 12:39 PM
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*Sincerely,
Andrew Breunig*

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Green, Erica

From: hallkelsey98@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kelsey Hall <hallkelsey98@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

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*Sincerely,
Kelsey Hall*

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Green, Erica

From: Micah McLain <micah.mclain@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 11:51 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

I request the NC Utilities Commission to hold Duke to its commitment to build 15 megawatts of new solar energy in our community. It's not a good policy to ignore the commitments made by our community to reduce the local generation with fossil fuels. The retired landfill in Woodfin is affordable and not suited to other development. Buncombe County has waived the lease on the land for this project. The project will benefit our community with new solar jobs and reduced carbon emissions. It is needed to advance our City/County goal of reaching 100% renewable energy by 2042.

thank you,
Micah McLain

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Green, Erica

From: James Davis <oakhaven51@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 11:50 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

To the NC Utilities Commission:

Please approve the solar project at Buncombe County's retired landfill.

1. In 2015, as part of the agreement our community struck with Duke Energy to close the coal power plant, Duke agreed to build 15 megawatts of new solar energy in our community. This was an integral part of the overall plan to retire coal and begin transitioning to clean energy, and the Utilities Commission acknowledged this deal in approving Duke's Western Carolinas Modernization Project that included the new gas plant.

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4. The Utilities Commission should approve the solar projects here in Buncombe County, making good on their 2015 commitment.

5. The retired landfill in Woodfin is an affordable site in our county, and not suited for other development. Buncombe County, which owns this land, has waived the lease on the land for this project.

6. This project will bring benefits to our community: new solar jobs, reducing carbon emissions, making important progress on our county's goal to reach 100% renewable energy by 2042.

James and Eve Davis
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Green, Erica

From: Mary Campbell <marmar729@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 11:41 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Buncombe Solar Landfill Project

Please allow this project to proceed. It is an excellent use of land that is otherwise, basically, unusable. Rent has been waived by the County. I recently travelled through several other states and was appalled to see how far behind we are on alternative power sources. Many windmills out there, and I'm sure you don't want those.

Mary H Campbell
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Green, Erica

From: akeller11@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anne Keller <akeller11@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 11:35 AM
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Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

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As Co-Chair of the City of Asheville's Sustainability Advisory Committee on Energy and the Environment (SACEE), I strongly urge you to approve the 5 MW solar facility proposed by Duke Energy Progress at 2720 Riverside Drive in Woodfin, NC. This project is a critical component of Duke's 2015 commitment to build 15 new MW of solar energy as part of its Western Carolinas Modernization Project. The NC Utilities Commission has supported and urged timely implementation of Duke's solar commitment, and now your approval is key to moving this commitment forward.

When the NC Utilities Commission expressed support for 15 MW of solar in Duke's Western Carolinas Modernization Project, your body acknowledged and supported that if all 15 MW of solar could not fit at the former coal plant, "[Duke] will supplement the on-site solar facility with a combination of rooftop, community, or other utility-scale solar facilities at other locations in the Asheville area." Now that Duke has identified a cost-effective site in our community for this additional 5 MW of solar, I urge you to approve it so the solar installation can be built in a timely fashion.

As North Carolina embraces more solar energy, the benefits of this industry should be available to communities here in our western region – not just in parts of the state that have large parcels of flat land, even if the land is a little more expensive and will perhaps increase the cost of electricity a little. WNC needs the benefits of new solar energy built directly in our area: solar industry jobs, reducing local carbon emissions, and making real progress on our local renewable energy goals. In this case, the 5 MW solar facility in Woodfin will help the City of Asheville and Buncombe County meet our adopted resolution to reach 100% renewable energy by 2042. SACEE and the City of Asheville passed a resolution to create renewable energy on city-owned property and to engage with Buncombe County on the 100% renewable goal by 2042. This is a big challenge for our area which has such little land available for large solar projects!

Building solar energy on low-value land like this landfill also meets the unique needs of our community by preserving other land for new affordable housing, tree canopy, public spaces, and other highly valued uses in our region. Further, relocating this 5 MW of solar to a different site in the Asheville area would cost far more than installing the system at the relatively flat, more affordable retired landfill site. If this project is not approved, we question whether Duke will be allowed to fulfill its promise to our community.

Please allow Duke to make good on its commitment for 15 MW of solar energy in our region. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

*Sincerely,
Anne Keller
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akeller11@comcast.net*

Green, Erica

From: kcrutch@aol.com
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

To NCUC_

Please reconsider your staff recommendation not to build a solar power installation in Woodfin, NC, near Asheville. The agreement with Duke Energy in 2015, in order to close the Lake Julian plant, was to build same and this should not be rescinded. Asheville is committed to 100% renewable energy by 2042, anticipating this and other solar plants. The Woodfin landfill is available and suited for this purpose.

Thank you.

Karen Crutchfield
124 Mountain Drive
Biltmore Lake, NC 28715

Green, Erica

From: annapriesta@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anna Priest
<annapriesta@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

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As North Carolina embraces more solar energy, the benefits of this industry should be available to communities here in our western region – not just in parts of the state that have large parcels of flat land. Approving this solar landfill site would bring the benefits of new solar energy directly to our community: solar industry jobs, reducing local carbon emissions, and making real progress on our local renewable energy goals. In this case, the 5 MW solar facility in Woodfin will help Buncombe County meet our adopted resolution to reach 100% renewable energy by 2042.

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Please allow Duke to make good on its commitment for 15 MW of solar energy in our region. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

*Sincerely,
Anna Priest*

40 Walton St Asheville, NC 28801-4717
annapriesta@gmail.com

Green, Erica

From: Peter L <pixbill@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

Dear Utilities Commission:

I am writing to you to express my view that a staff decision to change an agreement, made between Duke Energy and Buncombe County, is wrong and should not be allowed to happen.

The NC Utilities Commission acknowledged the agreement between these parties when it approved Duke's Carolinas Modernization Project. In the agreement, Duke was to build a solar project in Woodfin.

For the staff of the Utilities Commission to now recommend that the solar installations be built in the eastern part of the state is both wrong and unfair to our county.

It is not good policy to ignore commitments made between energy companies and counties. All parties to the Modernization Plan agreement—the Commission, Duke, and Buncombe—were aware that the local solar installation was an essential part of that agreement.

Please overrule the staff recommendation and keep the solar installation in Woodfin.

Thank you.

*Peter Lourekas
Asheville, NC*

Green, Erica

From: Sarah Duffer <sarah.duffer@acsgmail.net>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:10 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

Greetings,

My name is Sarah Duffer and I am a six generation native of Woodfin (DeBruhl-Wright-Snyder-Snyder). I am concerned about your recent decision to not install the 5 MW of solar panels on the old Buncombe County landfill site. You should approve this project and make good on your 2015 commitment to our community.

As an environmental science teacher, methane landfill projects and their eventual use as renewable energy generation sites is positive land-use and energy information for my students to learn about. When we can cite projects in our own community, the relevance to these solutions and content increases for students.

In addition, solar energy projects generate living-wage earning job growth that can never be outsourced to another country, decrease our emissions of climate changing greenhouse gases and help our county hit their 100% renewable energy goal by 2042.

Approve the Buncombe County Landfill Solar Project! Make good on your 2015 commitment! Be on the good side of history!

Your community is watching.

Forward together,
~Sarah Duffer

Green, Erica

From: MELISSA HICKS <mmhicks1h@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:39 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Solar project Docket E-2 sub 1257

I am writing to request that Duke Energy and the commission honor the commitments made by our community to reduce local generation with fossil fuels. The retired landfill in Woodfin is affordable and not suited to other development. Buncombe County has waived the lease on the land for this project. The project will benefit our community with new solar jobs and reduced carbon emissions. It is needed to advance our City/County goal of reaching 100% renewable energy by 2042.

Sent from my iPhone

Green, Erica

From: Biz619gm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rachel Moran
<Biz619gm@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:37 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

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I am writing to urge you to approve the 5 MW solar facility proposed by Duke Energy Progress at 2720 Riverside Drive in Woodfin, NC. This project is a critical component of Duke's 2015 commitment to build 15 new MW of solar energy as part of its Western Carolinas Modernization Project. The NC Utilities Commission has supported and urged timely implementation of Duke's solar commitment, and now your approval is key to moving this commitment forward.

When the NC Utilities Commission expressed support for 15 MW of solar in Duke's Western Carolinas Modernization Project, your body acknowledged and supported that if all 15 MW of solar could not fit at the former coal plant, "[Duke] will supplement the on-site solar facility with a combination of rooftop, community, or other utility-scale solar facilities at other locations in the Asheville area." Now that Duke has identified a cost-effective site in our community for this additional 5 MW of solar, I urge you to approve it so the solar installation can be built in a timely fashion.

As North Carolina embraces more solar energy, the benefits of this industry should be available to communities here in our western region – not just in parts of the state that have large parcels of flat land. Approving this solar landfill site would bring the benefits of new solar energy directly to our community: solar industry jobs, reducing local carbon emissions, and making real progress on our local renewable energy goals. In this case, the 5 MW solar facility in Woodfin will help Buncombe County meet our adopted resolution to reach 100% renewable energy by 2042.

Building solar energy on low-value land like this landfill also meets the unique needs of our community by preserving other land for new affordable housing, tree canopy, public spaces, and other highly valued uses in our region. Further, relocating this 5 MW of solar to a different site in the Asheville area would cost far more than installing the system at the relatively flat, more affordable retired landfill site. If this project is not approved, we question whether Duke will be allowed to fulfill its promise to our community.

Please allow Duke to make good on its commitment for 15 MW of solar energy in our region. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

*Sincerely,
Rachel Moran*

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Green, Erica

From: Sarah Rubin <srubin2@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:34 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

I am a Buncombe County resident committed to renewable energy, and I ask the NC Utilities Commission to approve the new solar project at Buncombe County's retired landfill.

I was delighted when the city of Asheville, Buncombe County, and Duke Energy agreed on a solar project to be built on the retired landfill in Woodfin. This installation was planned as part of Duke's Western Carolina Modernization Project in 2015, which included replacing the local coal power plant with a gas-fired plant and building a total of 15 megawatts of solar energy in our community. At that time, the NC Utilities Commission acknowledged the deal when it approved the Modernization Project. However, the public staff of the Utilities Commission is now recommending that the solar installations be built instead in eastern NC where larger projects are less expensive.

Please approve the solar project here in Buncombe County, making good on your 2015 commitment. The retired landfill in Woodfin is an affordable site in our county, and not suited for other development. Buncombe County owns this land and has waived the lease on the land for this project. Furthermore, the project will bring benefits to our community, including new solar jobs, reducing carbon emissions, and making important progress on our county's goal to reach 100% renewable energy by 2042.

Thanks for your consideration,
Sarah Rubin
17 Maywood Rd
Asheville, NC 28804

Green, Erica

From: reneemaz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Renee Mazurek
<reneemaz@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:22 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

Dear NC Utilities Commission Members,

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Please allow Duke to make good on its commitment for 15 MW of solar energy in our region. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

*Sincerely,
Renee Mazurek*

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Green, Erica

From: 130pj@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Pamela Culp <130pj@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:22 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

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Please allow Duke to make good on its commitment for 15 MW of solar energy in our region. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Pamela Culp

42 River Walk Dr Asheville, NC 28804-4405 130pj@gmail.com

Green, Erica

From: Jeremy Hume <jeremy@industrynine.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 8:22 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

Dear NC utilities commission,

It has come to my attention that the NC utilities commission is now recommending that an already planned and approved solar installation in our area is being redirected to elsewhere in the state. While true it may be simpler to build and maintain in other regions, the power then still needs to be distributed and make its way back to our area of constant growth.

Instead of redirecting an already planned solar project, why not do **BOTH?** (*and eliminate even more need for non-sustainable fossil-fuel based power sources*).

In this day and age of global warming and overuse of fossil fuels, we need to be ever vigilant in our effort to correct our course as a nation and a species, before we do irreparable harm to our one shared home.

Not to mention, this site is the PERFECT location for something of this sort, since as a decommissioned land-fill it is useless for other development.

I hope you will take this under consideration, we live in a lovely area of the state and anything we can do to preserve its natural resources and beauty should be taken as a serious goal for all of us.

Kind regards,

Jeremy



Green, Erica

From: Gerald Meyer <gerrymeyer1966@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 7:26 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257."

NC Utilities Commission, Please maintain the commitment of Duke Energy to develop a Solar Generation Facility at the Woodfin Landfill in Buncombe County. We need to develop more solar capacity wherever it is feasible. Not just the largest locations.

The Western part of the state needs as much solar as possible.

Gerald Meyer
Email: gerrymeyer1966@gmail.com
Phone: 216-402-7604
Resident of Haywood County

Green, Erica

From: Dawn Marie Cothran <yodmc@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 6:42 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

We the people Do Not want you to back out of your agreement; keep solar here in Western North Carolina! I implore you to continue with the designated Buncombe landfill solar project!!!

Thank you,
Dawn Cothran

Green, Erica

From: Sandra Rountree
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 7:30 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Statement of Position Submitted by Sandra Rountree

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Sandra Rountree

Email

srroundtree@bellsouth.net

Docket

E-2 Sub1257

Message

I strongly urge you to keep your commitment to building the solar installation in Woodfin, NC. You made this commitment and the area will greatly benefit from it. In these times, it is so important to keep your word. Please do not renege on this.

Green, Erica

From: Patsy <pfbeyer@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 10:20 PM
To: Statements
Subject: "Docket E-2 Sub 1257."

Dear Responsible Parties,

This sudden and destructive blow to the clean energy future of Western NC is a betrayal by the NC Utilities Commission that is supposed to honor agreements and act in the best interests of its citizens. An agreement was made wt Duke Carolinas and Asheville **5 years ago** to locate a solar energy collector farm on the retired landfill in Woodfin and that bargain contained an approval for the new gas plant in Asheville. That negotiated agreement was blessed by your organization and you need to honor that agreement and hold Duke to its commitment.

We are counting on you to see this deal through. It is vitally important to the resident of WNC.

Thanks
Patsy Beyer

Green, Erica

From: Melissa Daniels Dolan <melkddolan13@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:14 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

To whom it may concern:

Agreements were reached in concern to this issue. As residents of Western Carolina, this directly impacts our community. It is our expectation that the commitments be upheld.

Respectfully,

Melissa Dolan

Sent from my iPhone

Green, Erica

From: Ron Ballard <ronballard53@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 6:40 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

Duke Power has agreed with our community to build 15 megawatts of new solar energy in our community. This was an integral part of the overall plan to retire the coal generating facility here in Asheville.

The NC Utilities Commission acknowledged this agreement in approving Duke's Carolinas Modernization Project.

It is not good policy to ignore the commitments made by our community to reduce fossil fuel use in power generation.

To reverse course now is a betrayal.

Please hold Duke to its commitment!

Peace,

Ron Ballard

400 Wesley Dr Apt 467, Asheville, NC 28803

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Green, Erica

From: Dennis Brown <see3d@write.me.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 4:49 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257.

In 2015 Duke agreed to build 15 megawatts of new solar energy in our community. This was an integral part of the overall plan to retire coal and begin transitioning to clean energy. The NC Utilities Commission acknowledged this agreement in approving Duke's Carolinas Modernization Project that included the new gas plant.

The first 5 megawatts in the plan Duke was to be a solar project on the retired landfill in Woodfin. Buncombe County issued a request for proposals, which was won by Duke to build and maintain the solar installation on the landfill.

However, the public staff of the NC Utilities Commission is now recommending that the solar installations be built in the eastern part of the state, where larger projects are more feasible.

It's not good policy to ignore the commitments made by our community to reduce local generation with fossil fuels.

The retired landfill in Woodfin is affordable and not suited to other development. Buncombe County has waived the lease on the land for this project. The project will benefit our community with new solar jobs and reduced carbon emissions. It is needed to advance our City/County goal of reaching 100% renewable energy by 2042.

Importantly, when the Modernization Plan was approved, all parties - the Commission, Duke and our Community - understood that this local solar installation was essential. **To reverse course five years later is a betrayal.**

Green, Erica

From: Cami Leisk <cami.leisk@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 11:08 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

In 2015, as part of the agreement that our community struck with Duke Energy to close the Lake Julian coal power plant, Duke agreed to build 15 megawatts of new solar energy in our community. This was an integral part of the overall plan to retire coal and begin transitioning to clean energy. The NC Utilities Commission acknowledged this agreement in approving Duke's Carolinas Modernization Project that included the new gas plant.

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Green, Erica

From: Megan Krintz <megan.krintz@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 10:46 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

Hello,

I am writing to bring to your attention a matter that needs to be resolved. We need solar installation in our community and your recent recommendation is against it. Here's why I think this is a mistake.

In 2015, as part of the agreement that our community struck with Duke Energy to close the Lake Julian coal power plant, Duke agreed to build 15 megawatts of new solar energy in our community. This was an integral part of the overall plan to retire coal and begin transitioning to clean energy. The NC Utilities Commission acknowledged this agreement in approving Duke's Carolinas Modernization Project that included the new gas plant.

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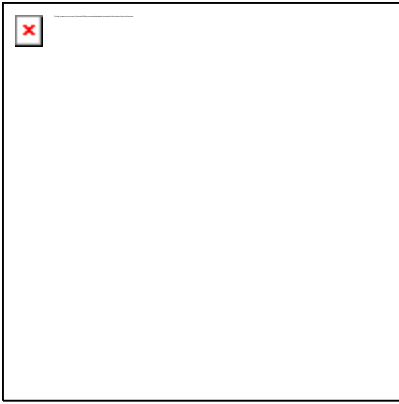
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Importantly, when the Modernization Plan was approved, all parties - the Commission, Duke and our Community - understood that this local solar installation was essential. **To reverse course five years later is a betrayal. Please support the Modernization Plan as originally approved so that we can be on track to reduce reliance on fossil fuels.**

**Thanks for your attention to this matter,
Megan Krintz**

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Green, Erica

From: Roger Helm <rhelmoileffects@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 10:38 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

NC Utilities Commission-

The solar project that Duke has agreed to build should be built in Woodfin as originally planned. Distributing solar projects across the state is good policy and sets the right examples in differing areas.

Roger Helm
Asheville

Green, Erica

From: Linda Francisco-Demers <lindaloomer@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

Hello ~ I am a resident of WNC and am dismayed by recent recommendations by the staff of the NC Utilities Commission that the solar installations be built in the eastern part of the state, where larger projects are more feasible. There was a commitment for Duke to build and maintain the solar installation on the landfill in Woodfin which would help WNC where sustainable, renewable energy is needed as well! It is a betrayal to reverse that commitment!!! As a concerned citizen, I urge you to ultimately hold Duke to its commitment to the Woodfin plan.

Thank you,
Linda Demers
Asheville, NC

Green, Erica

From: Neisha Wright <nnzen2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:26 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

To whom it may concern,

In 2015, as part of the agreement that our community struck with Duke Energy to close the Lake Julian coal power plant, Duke agreed to build 15 megawatts of new solar energy in our community.

I now hear that the NC Utilities Commission is now recommending that the solar installations be built in the eastern part of the state, where larger projects are more feasible.

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Importantly, when the Modernization Plan was approved, all parties - the Commission, Duke and our Community - understood that this local solar installation was essential. **To reverse course five years later is a betrayal.**

Duke energy has been taking advantage of consumers for years and needs to be held accountable and kept to their agreement.

**Thank you,
Neisha Wright
Woodfin resident**

Green, Erica

From: Ellen Henry <ellenry@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:26 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 sub1257

Save the Woodfin solar project,, and lets close Lake Julian Plant. The lease was waived and now after 5 years you cant back out of your comittment to the people of Western NC. Shame on you for trying. I have to assume somebody.s brother in law has some land for sale in eastern NC? Do not betray the people of NC again..

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*Ellen Henry
Hndersonville NC*

Green, Erica

From: jesse@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jesse Kitt <jesse@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:07 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

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Please allow Duke to make good on its commitment for 15 MW of solar energy in our region. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

*Sincerely,
Jesse Kitt*

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Green, Erica

From: mailedie <mailedie@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 12:15 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

The planned solar installations in Woodfin should continue as per Duke's 2015 agreement in closing the Lake Julian coal power plant. We need the clean energy and jobs that would be provided by, and were promised to, our community.

Thank you,
Edith Simpson, Asheville

Green, Erica

From: Jane Goldthwait <jbgoldthwait@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 10:50 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

Dear NC Utilities Commission,

Please keep the agreement made in 2015 to build the 15 megawatt solar power station on the Lake Julian area --the Dukes Carolinas Modernization Project. The County, Duke, and you, the NC Utilities Commission agreed on it.

Buncombe County can use the jobs it will bring. The first 5 megawatts needs to be in Woodfin site and generate electricity with solar power. We need cleaner air here.

Sincerely,
Jane Goldthwait
200 Tabernacle Road F-43
BlackMountain, NC 28711

Green, Erica

From: Becky Doyle <bdoyle49@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 7:59 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

To: NC Utilities commission

As a Chemistry Instructor, I make sure to touch on both local and national environmental chemistry issues for my classes. We celebrated a few years ago when fossil fuels were retired in Western North Carolina. Now I'm amazed to hear Duke is trying to go back on this agreement. My students will be also be distressed to hear of this....

Please do all that is possible to keep the original agreement in place. It is for our future and for our State.

Rebecca S Doyle
828-989-2193
Edneyville, NC 28727

Green, Erica

From: Renee Lenz <renew.lenz@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 7:39 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

Stick to the plan!!!

It's not good policy to ignore the commitments made by our community to reduce local generation with fossil fuels. The retired landfill in Woodfin is affordable and not suited to other development. Buncombe County has waived the lease on the land for this project. The project will benefit our community with new solar jobs and reduced carbon emissions. It is needed to advance our City/County goal of reaching 100% renewable energy by 2042.

Importantly, when the Modernization Plan was approved, all parties - the Commission, Duke and our Community - understood that this local solar installation was essential. **To reverse course five years later is a betrayal.**

Green, Erica

From: Boone Guyton <boone.guyton@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 5:08 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

The retired landfill in Woodfin, Buncombe Co is a great place for a Duke solar farm. It is an unused large open area that can be put to good use providing renewable energy for our county.

It is also part of a previous commitment and should be lived up to.

I believe the Commission should hold Duke to its commitment.

Thanks.

Boone Guyton

85 Laughing Crow, Alexander, NC 28701

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Boone Guyton
828-683-3688

Green, Erica

From: Jude Maglione <maglionic1@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:32 PM
To: Statements
Subject: "Docket E-2 Sub 1257."

Hello,

I do want to comment that WNC does bring a vital source of tourism dollars for NC.

How ridiculous that the Eastern part of the state should grab out opportunity to have our own alternative energy source!

Thank you,

Jude Maglione

Green, Erica

From: Damon Dickinson <damondickinson@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:57 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

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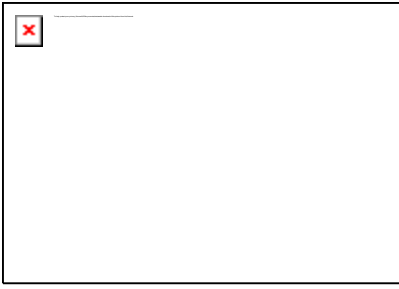
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I insist on the the standing agreements be honored and implemented for the benefit of Western NC. Seriously.

H
Damon Dickinson
828-242-4863



Green, Erica

From: AA Lloyd <anadll@earthlink.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Statements
Subject: "Docket E-2 Sub 1257"

Gentle Ones:

I am appalled to learn that a commitment to convert a parcel of land for solar installation in our community has been set aside. This was part of the agreement that our community struck with Duke Energy to close the Lake Julian coal power plant; Duke agreed to build 15 megawatts of new solar energy in our community. This was an integral part of the overall plan to retire coal and begin transitioning to clean energy. The NC Utilities Commission acknowledged this agreement in approving Duke's Carolinas Modernization Project that included the new gas plant. When the Modernization Plan was approved, all parties - the Commission, Duke and our Community - understood that this local solar installation was essential. **To reverse course five years later is a betrayal.**

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Please restore the initial plan as agreed upon.

Sincerely,
AA Lloyd, Asheville NC

Green, Erica

From: diane m <artlover125@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:33 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E 2 Sub 1257

To Whom it May Concern-

Please hold Duke Energy to their commitment to the solar energy program here in WNC!!
It will benefit us here in so many ways!!

Thank you!
D.McDermott
Fairview, NC

Green, Erica

From: Kip McKay <kipmckay@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 12:56 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

Greetings,

I am a resident of Asheville. I am very concerned about the reversal of policy on locating the Duke solar farm. There is a suitable site in Woodfin ready to go. Breaking a five year old agreement is really a betrayal. I hope there is no corruption involved here! Please stick to the original agreement.

Sincerely,

Kip McKay
23 Rocking Porch Rd
Asheville, NC

Green, Erica

From: Roberta Wall <robertaindiawall@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 12:35 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

Keep your word!

When the Solar Modernization Plan was approved, all parties - the Commission, Duke and our Community - understood that this local solar installation was essential. **To reverse course five years later is a betrayal.**

Roberta Wall, Asheville resident

Links to Roberta's blogs and website:

[RobertaIndia.wordpress.com](https://robertaindia.wordpress.com)

[Torahattheintersection.com](https://torahattheintersection.com)

steps2peace.com

Upcoming events:<https://mailchi.mp/6dfda7cb162a/nvc-at-the-intersection-explorations-of-nvc-with-judaism-buddhism-dialogue-and-social-activism-open-to-all>

Green, Erica

From: Victoria Lyall <victorialyall@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 12:53 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Buncombe Solar Project

Dear Duke:

Honor your commitments and comply with the agreement you made to build a solar facility in Woodfin.

Victoria Lyall
Buncombe County

Green, Erica

From: John Parker <parker@fiu.edu>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 12:51 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Solar Project in Woodfin

I am a climate scientist and I think we will need to rapidly expand solar electricity in Buncombe County to do our part to prevent a climate catastrophe. Clearly we need to also expand solar in other parts of the state. However, the Woodfin solar project is a commitment by Duke to build a solar project on the retired landfill in Woodfin. Please endorse this project and then proceed to other solar expansions in North Carolina. Thanks for your attention.

Jack Parker,
Emeritus Professor of Chemistry and Environmental Science,
Florida International University
Givens Estates, Asheville

Green, Erica

From: levin317@aim.com
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

Duke made a commitment, we need the project here in Western NC in the retired landfill, which is not suited for other development and is a crucial part of Buncombe County's clean energy plan.

In 2015, as part of the agreement that our community struck with Duke Energy to close the Lake Julian coal power plant, Duke agreed to build 15 megawatts of new solar energy in our community. This was an integral part of the overall plan to retire coal and begin transitioning to clean energy. The NC Utilities Commission acknowledged this agreement in approving Duke's Carolinas Modernization Project that included the new gas plant.

The first 5 megawatts in the plan Duke was to be a solar project on the retired landfill in Woodfin. Buncombe County issued a request for proposals, which was won by Duke to build and maintain the solar installation on the landfill. However, the public staff of the NC Utilities Commission is now recommending that the solar installations be built in the eastern part of the state, where larger projects are more feasible.

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I LIVE IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY AND THIS COMMITMENT IS CRUCIAL TO KEEPING OUR GROWING COMMUNITY SAFE AND CLEAN.

Green, Erica

From: Karen Reynolds <reynolds-karen@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 12:10 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

Hi,

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It's disrespectful to go back on an agreement. It's also not good policy to ignore the commitments made by our community to reduce local generation with fossil fuels. The retired landfill in Woodfin is affordable and not suited to other development. Buncombe County has waived the lease on the land for this project. The project will benefit our community with new solar jobs and reduced carbon emissions. It is needed to advance our City/County goal of reaching 100% renewable energy by 2042. It is important for the state to be onboard with this goal.

Sincerely,

Karen Reynolds

Buncombe County resident

Importantly, when the Modernization Plan was approved, all parties - the Commission, Duke and our Community - understood that this local solar installation was essential. To reverse course five years later is a betrayal.

Green, Erica

From: Lana Burns <lbhoneyhome@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

Dear Fellow North Carolinians,

I believe it is VERY important to our country, our state, our county and community to keep any commitments made for generating clean energy, and to do it as quickly as possible. It is fine to do the big projects where there is space, but small local ones as part of the big picture are a smart idea. Local jobs are badly needed – ASAP. The Woodfin location is excellent. It was promised! Time to keep that promise NOW.

*Lana Burns
Asheville, NC*

From: Gina Marie Alberti <ginamariesheville@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 12:02 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257.



Public comments needed to NC Utilities Commission to reverse a staff decision

Your response to this alert will only take a few minutes but it is critically important.

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Green, Erica

From: John V Fowler <j.bfowler@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 12:02 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

You folks should stick to your original plan. These deceptions are why so many people hate government these days.

*Sent from my iPad
Jvfphotos.com*

Green, Erica

From: Jean Ann Wheelock <jeanann.wheelock@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:54 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257.

I am asking you today to hold Duke Energy to their promise with our community.

In 2015, as part of the agreement with Duke Energy to close the Lake Julian coal power plant, Duke agreed to build 15 megawatts of new solar energy in our community. This was an integral part of the overall plan to retire coal and begin transitioning to clean energy. The NC Utilities Commission acknowledged this agreement in approving Duke's Carolinas Modernization Project that included the new gas plant.

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Thank you for your diligence in holding Duke to their commitment.

Regards,
Jean Ann Wheelock
Asheville, NC

Green, Erica

From: Martha Johnson <ms_prints@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:45 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 1257

Hold Duke energy to its commitment to build solar on the retired Woodfin landfill. The agreement was signed. Do not sign it away.

Martha Ensign Johnson
Buncombe County

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Green, Erica

From: Timbar Jclc <lcalhoun97@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:44 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

Honor your commitment to the Woodfin Landfill Solar Project agreement.
This project was approved by all parties back in 2015 to close the Lake Julian coal power plant.
This is a win/win for the community, Duke Power and the necessary transition to clean energy.
Keep the plan for solar in WNC!

Sincerely,
Liz Calhoun

Green, Erica

From: Susan Taylor <staylor13150@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:43 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

The NC Utilities Commission needs to uphold it's agreement in approving Duke's Carolinas Modernization Project that includes the solar project on the retired landfill in Woodfin. When the Modernization Plan was approved, all parties - the Commission, Duke and our Community - understood that this local solar installation was essential. The project will benefit our community with new solar jobs and reduced carbon emissions. It is needed to advance our City/County goal of reaching 100% renewable energy by 2042. To reverse course five years later is a betrayal.

Thank you for keeping your agreement.

Susan Taylor
90 Pink Fox Cove Road
Weaverville, NC 28787

Green, Erica

From: Billy Bond <mfstn007@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:38 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257.

Please hold Duke Energy to their commitment to install solar panels on the Woodfin landfill. This makes good use of the landfill site and is progress toward our community commitment to renewable energy sources.

Natural gas may be plentiful now but that is not without environmental costs and it will be important for all communities to move toward renewable energy sources, like solar, as we move ahead.

*Billy Bond
10 Red Tail Court
Fairview, North Carolina.*

Sent from my iPhone

Green, Erica

From: Patti Ulirsch <pulirsch@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:33 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket e-2 Sub 1257

Duke needs to fulfill its commitments to solar in Buncombe County.

It's not good policy to ignore the commitments made by our community to reduce local generation with fossil fuels. The retired landfill in Woodfin is affordable and not suited to other development. Buncombe County has waived the lease on the land for this project. The project will benefit our community with new solar jobs and reduced carbon emissions. It is needed to advance our City/County goal of reaching 100% renewable energy by 2042.

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And from a personal POV, it's too bad that Duke took over Progress Energy.

Sincerely,
Patti Ulirsch
Arden, NC

Sent from my iPad

Green, Erica

From: Bob and Nancy Hutchinson <bobhutch508@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:28 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

We respectfully request the Commission to hold Duke Energy to its commitment.

In 2015, as part of the agreement that our community struck with Duke Energy to close the Lake Julian coal power plant, Duke agreed to build 15 megawatts of new solar energy in our community. This was an integral part of the overall plan to retire coal and begin transitioning to clean energy. The NC Utilities Commission acknowledged this agreement in approving Duke's Carolinas Modernization Project that included the new gas plant.

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Robert and Nancy Hutchinson
193 Patriots Drive
Asheville, NC 28805

Green, Erica

From: Breccia Leigh <breccialeigh@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:28 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257.

Please record this for public comment.

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Thanks
Breccia Cressman
Asheville

Green, Erica

From: Jim Smith <jimsmith1945@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Solar units at Woodfin landfill site near Asheville

I would like to ask that the solar units in play for that site for a number of years be reinstated. We are finally getting clean air here after years of drift from coal plants has diminished. I also support solar as alternative to natural gas and coal.

The site selected is not usable for much else, but would make a good site, and was promised to use some years back Please consider putting the units back in play for our benefit.

Thanks

Jim Smith

I live about a mile from the site.

Sent from my iPad

Green, Erica

From: Elaine Robbins <elainerobbins535@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:23 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

Dear Sir or Madam:

In 2015, as part of the agreement that our community struck with Duke Energy to close the Lake Julian coal power plant, Duke agreed to build 15 megawatts of new solar energy in our community. This was an integral part of the overall plan to retire coal and begin transitioning to clean energy. The NC Utilities Commission acknowledged this agreement in approving Duke's Carolinas Modernization Project that included the new gas plant.

The first 5 megawatts in the plan Duke was to be a solar project on the retired landfill in Woodfin. Buncombe County issued a request for proposals, which was won by Duke to build and maintain the solar installation on the landfill. However, the public staff of the NC Utilities Commission is now recommending that the solar installations be built in the eastern part of the state, where larger projects are more feasible.

I strongly oppose the new recommendation. Undermining agreements in this way will play out poorly in the future, making it more difficult amicably to resolve disputes that affect communities.

The retired landfill in Woodfin is affordable and not suited to other development. Buncombe County has waived the lease on the land for this project. The project will benefit our community with new solar jobs and reduced carbon emissions. It is needed to advance our City/County goal of reaching 100% renewable energy by 2042.

Importantly, when the Modernization Plan was approved, all parties - the Commission, Duke and our Community - understood that this local solar installation was essential. **To reverse course five years later is a betrayal, and is not the sort of action that should be associated with the great State of North Carolina.**

Very truly yours,

Elaine Robbins
415 Blowhole Road
Marshall NC 28753
(828) 380-1817

Green, Erica

From: Richard Martin <richardsrq@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 9:38 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Buncombe County Solar Project

North Carolina Utilities Commission

I am concerned and disappointed that the North Carolina Utilities Commission staff has recommended renegeing on the promise to build 15 megawatts of solar in Buncombe County, starting with a 5 megawatt project at the closed landfill in Woodfin. The people of Buncombe County have set a goal to reach 100% renewable energy by 2042, and this solar installation is one of the first pieces of the puzzle. I ask that you please not short change Wesern North Carolina yet again. I ask that when you make promises, give hope, that you keep promises, keep hope.

Sincerely,

Richard Martin
75 Appalachian Way
Bakersville, NC 28705

Green, Erica

From: Elsa Enstrom <elsaenstrom@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:18 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

Dear North Carolina Utilities Commission,

I have recently been made aware of the plan to back out of the creation of a solar power plant on the old landfill. Although this project may not be as large as some opportunities in the east of the state, it would be extremely beneficial to the WNC communities around Asheville. The landfill site is not well suited for other types of development and the loss of this site for solar use will mean that it will sit wasted for who knows how long. Please make good on the original agreement and build the solar installation as promised.

Thank you,
Elsa Enstrom

Green, Erica

From: Chris Law <clawnc975@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 8:27 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 sub 1257

Hereby asking the NC Utilities Commission to approve the new solar project at Buncombe County's retired landfill making good on the commitment made by the Commission in 2015.

The retired landfill in Woodfin, NC, is an affordable site in our county and is not suited for other development. Buncombe County, which owns this land, has waived the lease on the land for this project. This project will bring benefits to our community: new solar jobs, reducing carbon emissions, making important progress on our county's goal to reach 100% renewable energy by 2042.

Please honor your commitment and help our county reach our renewable energy goals to help save our planet.

*Sincerely,
Christian Law
105 6th Street
Black Mountain, NC 28711
Email: clawnc975@gmail.com*

Green, Erica

From: James Carroll, MD <jcarroll@mchp.care>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 7:47 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Solar power project belongs in Buncombe County

In 2015, as part of the agreement our community struck with Duke Energy to close the coal power plant, Duke agreed to build 15 megawatts of new solar energy in our community. This was an integral part of the overall plan to retire coal and begin transitioning to clean energy, and the Utilities Commission acknowledged this deal in approving Duke's Western Carolinas Modernization Project that included the new gas plant. This project is necessary to bring new solar jobs to Asheville, to reduce carbon emissions, and goes a long way toward the county's goal to reach 100% renewable energy by 2042.

However, the public staff of the NC Utilities Commission is now recommending that the solar installations be built in the eastern part of NC, rather than here, despite the fact that Buncombe County and Duke have agreed to built on the old landfill site in Woodfin.

This decision is an affront to the principles of fairness and to the people of Western North Carolina who have been working tirelessly to bring this project to fruition. There is no reason that Duke cannot build solar capacity both in the Western and in Eastern parts of the state. The Utilities Commission should uphold its 2015 commitment and support bringing the solar power project to Buncombe County.

James Carroll, Bakersville, NC
(828) 688-6102

James Carroll, MD

(828)688-2104

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Green, Erica

From: karen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karen Dunn <karen@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 6:43 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

Dear NC Utilities Commission Members,

I am writing to urge you to approve the 5 MW solar facility proposed by Duke Energy Progress at 2720 Riverside Drive in Woodfin, NC. This project is a critical component of Duke's 2015 commitment to build 15 new MW of solar energy as part of its Western Carolinas Modernization Project. The NC Utilities Commission has supported and urged timely implementation of Duke's solar commitment, and now your approval is key to moving this commitment forward.

When the NC Utilities Commission expressed support for 15 MW of solar in Duke's Western Carolinas Modernization Project, your body acknowledged and supported that if all 15 MW of solar could not fit at the former coal plant, "[Duke] will supplement the on-site solar facility with a combination of rooftop, community, or other utility-scale solar facilities at other locations in the Asheville area." Now that Duke has identified a cost-effective site in our community for this additional 5 MW of solar, I urge you to approve it so the solar installation can be built in a timely fashion.

As North Carolina embraces more solar energy, the benefits of this industry should be available to communities here in our western region – not just in parts of the state that have large parcels of flat land. Approving this solar landfill site would bring the benefits of new solar energy directly to our community: solar industry jobs, reducing local carbon emissions, and making real progress on our local renewable energy goals. In this case, the 5 MW solar facility in Woodfin will help Buncombe County meet our adopted resolution to reach 100% renewable energy by 2042.

Building solar energy on low-value land like this landfill also meets the unique needs of our community by preserving other land for new affordable housing, tree canopy, public spaces, and other highly valued uses in our region. Further, relocating this 5 MW of solar to a different site in the Asheville area would cost far more than installing the system at the relatively flat, more affordable retired landfill site. If this project is not approved, we question whether Duke will be allowed to fulfill its promise to our community.

Please allow Duke to make good on its commitment for 15 MW of solar energy in our region. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Karen Dunn

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Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 5:21 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

Dear NC Utilities Commission Members,

I am writing to urge you to approve the 5 MW solar facility proposed by Duke Energy Progress at 2720 Riverside Drive in Woodfin, NC. This project is a critical component of Duke's 2015 commitment to build 15 new MW of solar energy as part of its Western Carolinas Modernization Project. The NC Utilities Commission has supported and urged timely implementation of Duke's solar commitment, and now your approval is key to moving this commitment forward.

When the NC Utilities Commission expressed support for 15 MW of solar in Duke's Western Carolinas Modernization Project, your body acknowledged and supported that if all 15 MW of solar could not fit at the former coal plant, "[Duke] will supplement the on-site solar facility with a combination of rooftop, community, or other utility-scale solar facilities at other locations in the Asheville area." Now that Duke has identified a cost-effective site in our community for this additional 5 MW of solar, I urge you to approve it so the solar installation can be built in a timely fashion.

As North Carolina embraces more solar energy, the benefits of this industry should be available to communities here in our western region – not just in parts of the state that have large parcels of flat land. Approving this solar landfill site would bring the benefits of new solar energy directly to our community: solar industry jobs, reducing local carbon emissions, and making real progress on our local renewable energy goals. In this case, the 5 MW solar facility in Woodfin will help Buncombe County meet our adopted resolution to reach 100% renewable energy by 2042.

Building solar energy on low-value land like this landfill also meets the unique needs of our community by preserving other land for new affordable housing, tree canopy, public spaces, and other highly valued uses in our region. Further, relocating this 5 MW of solar to a different site in the Asheville area would cost far more than installing the system at the relatively flat, more affordable retired landfill site. If this project is not approved, we question whether Duke will be allowed to fulfill its promise to our community.

Please allow Duke to make good on its commitment for 15 MW of solar energy in our region. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

*Sincerely,
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