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I object to this proposed merger because it puts even more monopoly power in the hands of one corporation, in this case, Duke Energy.

Electricity and natural gas are two competing energy sources and should be left that way. The large number of corporate mergers, especially in the utility field in the past several years have taken away the power of the consumer to choose.

Think of it this way: What is the social good that will come from this merger?

I believe there is none.

Thanks.

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