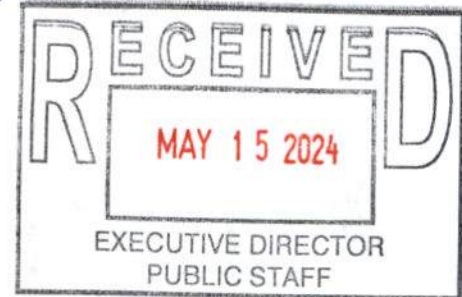


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To: Mr. Christopher J. Ayers
Executive Director
Public Staff—North Carolina Utilities Commission
4326 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300



Dear Utilities Commission,

I fully understand that companies need to make a profit, but I find the Duke Energy issue so very sad and unfair. Here we get reports that their net profit was 2.9 billion dollars in 2023, yet at the same time your commission approved a rate hike that resulted in our February bill being \$1513.15. We are two disabled military retirees and this is a LOT of money. We had to drop the level billing on our account because this was a terrible financial blow. Obviously, the plan is to charge the customers everything and never dent that billions of profit that they pocket.

Recently I received notice of another application Duke is applying for to make a facility in Catawba County where we do not live. This makes me wonder why I did not receive a sheet like this available to comment on for the rate hike you approved in 2023. Everything is costing so much now that people are having to choose between adequate food and necessary medicine. Approving rate hikes during this is really hard on us people.

I was one of the people who stood up and spoke to your commission over the proposed high voltage lines all over Henderson County in 2015. Then we were given ample opportunity to stand up and make it known how we felt about what they wanted to do. Hundreds of people showed up to that meeting because we wanted you to know how we felt. They spray poison around their towers that runs down into watersheds and kills things in peoples yards hundreds of feet away. They build high voltage towers next to homes with children without letting the homeowner know. When we fought to have them not run all those lines because of health issues, they did it anyway by "upgrading existing towers."

When they held those meetings we talked to Duke employees and they stated they would never let their children live under those high voltage lines. Additionally, overhead lines take more maintenance due to weather, yet they never make plans to put them underground like in Europe. The redoing of I-26 in Henderson and Buncombe Counties now underway would have been an excellent opportunity to do this yet it was not even considered.

I just hope there can be more consideration paid to the people in North Carolina and the impact Duke Energy has on our lives and well being.

Sincerely,

Phoebe Blackwell

USAF Master Sergeant Retired.

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Duke Energy Carolinas receives approval for new rates in North Carolina, implements new programs to help customers

January 12, 2024

- Rates include upgrades to make the grid more resilient and shorten the duration of outages
- New programs will give customers more control over energy use and help low-income customers
- Approval includes performance incentives to hold the utility accountable for reliability, encourage renewables and reduce peak system loads

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Duke Energy Carolinas will implement new rates for North Carolina customers on Jan. 15 as approved by the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC).

Rates for North Carolina customers will remain well below the national average, even after Duke Energy Carolinas completes approximately \$7.7 billion in upgrades to make the electric grid more resistant to outages and enable faster power restoration.

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Duke Energy's net income amounted to approximately **2.9 billion U.S. dollars** in the financial year 2023. Feb 29, 2024



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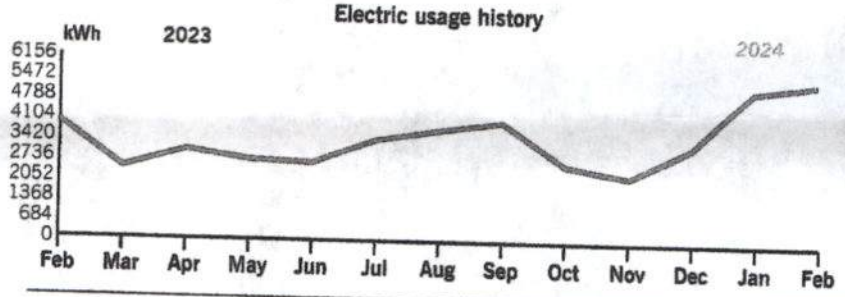
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
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DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1297

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct an 850 MW Natural Gas-Fired Combustion Turbine Electric Generating Facility in Catawba County, North Carolina

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the provisions of Sections 62-82 and 62-110.1 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and North Carolina Utilities Commission Rule R8-61, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, (DEC), filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct an 850 MW natural gas-fired combustion turbine electric generating facility in Catawba County, North Carolina (Application). In summary, DEC states that the facility will be located at the site of its existing Marshall Steam Station (Marshall) and will consist of two simple-cycle gas combustion turbine (CT) units that will be approximately 425 MW each. The DEC also states in the Application that it plans to put the two CTs units, collectively known as the Marshall Energy Complex (Facility), into service by January 1, 2029. The Application indicates that only minimal network upgrades are necessary to interconnect the replacement generation of the two units, and an interconnection request has been submitted for the incremental capacity of the Facility. The Facility will use natural gas as its fuel supply and will be capable of utilizing ultra-low sulfur diesel as a back-up fuel. The Application provides that DEC has plans, including contracts with Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. for transportation of firm delivered Transco Zone 5 gas supply to meet the fuel needs of the Facility. The testimony accompanying the Application discusses DEC's need for and cost of the Facility. The total projected cost of the project was filed by DEC under seal as a confidential trade secret.

Specific information about the Application, may be obtained at the business offices of DEC or at the Office of the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of the Application is available for review. These materials, as well as pleadings, the prefiled testimony and exhibits of all parties, the transcripts of all hearings, briefs, and proposed orders, may be viewed as they become available on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov. Click on "Docket Search" and search for docket number "(E-7 Sub 1297)".

FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled hearings for the purpose of receiving public witness testimony on the Application as follows:

Newton: Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
Catawba County Courthouse
100 Government Drive, Courtroom 10
Newton, North Carolina 28658
Virtual: Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.
Held remotely via Webex

The June 6, 2024, public witness hearing shall be held remotely via Webex, beginning at 6:30 p.m. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.gov. Members of the public that would like to testify must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2024.

To register, please complete the electronic Remote Public Witness Registration form located on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov/hearings/remotepublicregister.html. A confirmation email will be sent to the email provided after the registration form is submitted. Further instructions, including the call-in number, will be provided to you by email approximately one week before the hearing. Witnesses calling from a different number than provided at registration may experience delays or other difficulties in providing their testimony. If assistance is needed, please contact 919-733-0837.

Only the first 20 individuals registered by 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2024, will be allowed to testify at the June 6, 2024, remote public witness hearing. This hearing will be canceled if no one registers to testify by 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2024.

The public witness hearings will be solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g). The Commission reserves the right to limit testimony at the public witness hearings pursuant to Commission Rule R1-21(g)(5).

A hearing for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony on DEC's Application is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-100, Sub 190, which is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 22, 2024. If the hearing on DEC's Application has not concluded by August 9, 2024, the hearing will resume at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, continuing as necessary until conclusion. The hearing will be held in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Second Floor, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Persons desiring to present testimony for the record should appear at one of the public hearings. Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 and reference Docket No. E-7, Sub 1297. However, such written statements cannot be considered competent evidence unless those persons appear at the hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements. Customers can also email the Commission a statement about DEC's Application via the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov/contactus.html. In either case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1297CS, and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.

Persons having an interest in the investigation and desiring to intervene in the matter as formal parties of record may file their petitions to intervene not later than June 20, 2024. These petitions should reference Docket No. E-7, Sub 1297 and should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. All parties to this proceeding planning to present expert testimony must prefile their testimony and exhibits not later than June 20, 2024.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information which the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to:

Mr. Christopher J. Ayers
Executive Director
Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission
4326 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to:

The Honorable Josh Stein
Attorney General of North Carolina
c/o Consumer Protection – Utilities
9001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001

This the 10th day of April, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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DEAR MR. AYERS,

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I CHUCKLED AS I READ your Public Notice.
You know THAT we know our VOICES WILL
NEVER BE HEARD. WE DO UNDERSTAND THAT
you AND OTHER commission members ARE
BOUGHT AND PAID for by Duke Energy.

you PERMIT A MONOPOLY THAT RUNS OVER
US AND ADDS FEES UPON FEES TO OUR
MONTHLY BILLS.

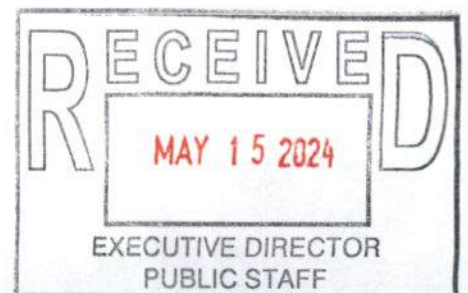
you PERMIT THEM TO POLLUTE AND CHARGE
US FOR THEIR EVIL WAYS.

you PERMIT THEM TO PUT OFF MOVING
TO RENEWABLES.

SHAME ON ALL of YOU.

Renee L Robinson

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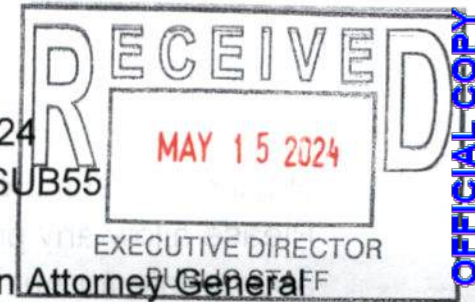
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Concerning Docket number E-2, SUB1318 and EC-67, SUB55

To Mr Christopher J Ayers and, The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General

Dear Sirs,

Whereas Duke Energy Progress has close to a monopoly in NC (certainly Western NC), and

whereas their application DOCKET NUMBER E-2SUB 1318 and/or EC-67SUB55 to the NC Utilities Commission states

'The total projected cost of the project was filed under seal as a confidential trade secret',

I wish to protest as a long-time customer that Duke Energy Progress is planning outdated work to be finished in 2029 using fossil fuels, the unknown cost of which will be borne by their customers held in a monopoly.

We are living in times when climate change demands we quickly move away from fossil fuels to minimize carbon-fueled global warming.

Many countries globally are attacking this problem head on. From Guyana, to China to the Netherlands, Britain and the European community, diverse nations are supporting alternative electricity sources. Other US States like Texas are constructing battery stations to store wind and solar electricity.

Why should NC be willing to make its electricity customer citizens fund an outdated system which will increase not decrease our dependence on fossil fuels?

The current Biden administration has funding meant to encourage the alternative energy source industry. As leaders in the world let's not move backwards as a state on this important issue.

The North Carolina Utilities Commission must not condone and permit this continuance of our dependence on fossil fuels by allowing this outdated project to succeed at the expense of North Carolinians. Costs must not be hidden away then gradually added to consumers' monthly bills labeled as normal cost increases.

Any money to be invested in electrical industry utilities should focus on such projects as community solar banks, solar roof panels, wind farms, tidal farms and battery storage systems.

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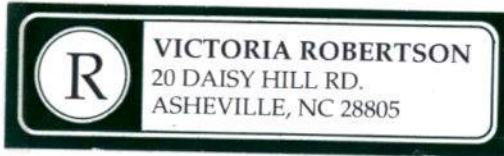
As our representatives who evaluate, challenge and question electricity cost increases, please consider the citizens' situation and future. Please allow any proposed plans and costs to be visible, clear and fair and appropriate for our state and nation.

Sincerely,

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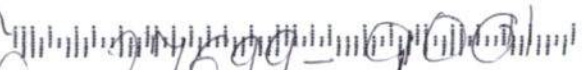
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DATE: May 08, 2024

RE: STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION, RALEIGH

Docket No.E-2, Sub 1318 & No, EC-67, Sub. 55

TO: Mr. Christopher J. Ayers

Executive Director

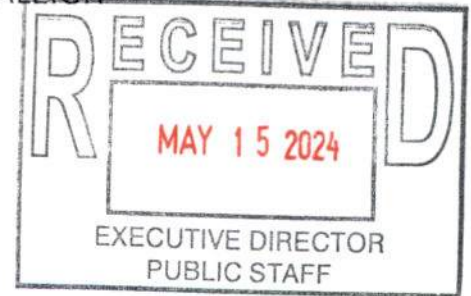
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CC: The Honorable Josh Stein

Attorney General of North Carolina



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Dear Mr. Ayers,

The Person County Energy Complex, destined to be gas-fueled, along with its two coal-fired units, should not be allowed to operate unless Duke Energy has shown a commitment to producing a net-zero balance of carbon in its operation.

Without it would be a slap in the face to the millions of people in the world who have already felt the scorn of Mother Nature's fury with fires, floods, and droughts that have resulted in unprecedented migrations. If all the ice sheets in the world were to melt and flow into the ocean, the global sea level would rise 230 feet, flooding every coastal city on the planet. The cost then to offset such a disaster would be prohibitive.

President Biden has set an ambitious goal of achieving a carbon pollution-free sector by 2035 and a net zero-emissions economy by no later than 2050. I suggest, for the sake of your grandchildren and mine, that we leave North Carolina politics out of this decision. I was in the Army when the Korean War ended and have seen the suffering war inflicts. Global warming is our next global challenge.

Gerald Staack

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The Honorable Josh Stein
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Mr. Christopher J. Ayers
Executive Director
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RE: June 12 and 13th hearing for Duke Energy Progress (DEP) before the State of North Carolina
Utilities Commission Raleigh

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1318

DOCKET NO. EC-64, SUB 55

Dear Mr. Stein and Mr. Ayers,

Much of the Public Notice dated April 10, 2024 is confusing as to its type, purpose and who may testify. It appears to say that you are authorized to speak for the people. Please add my voice to the perspective from the people.

Duke Energy Progress has evolved their advertising to specifically state that they are moving away from fossil fuels and toward a more environmentally responsible position focusing on renewable energy including solar and wind. Yet their actions appear to be focusing more on deeper drilling for oil or accessing those who do and fracking for natural gas. Is there a way to verify their actions away from fossil fuels, especially coal and hold them accountable for doing what their advertising says they are doing to move away from fossil fuels and increase use of sustainable energy?

Please reiterate this position of the Commission. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Wehking

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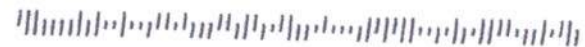
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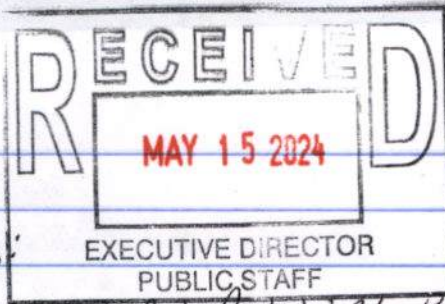
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DEAR SIRS:

I'm ON AN ANNUAL Budget Billing plan with Duke Energy. As it came time to Adjust my bill for the coming year, I got a Adjusting bill for \$360.73, the highest my Adjusting has ever been. I called Duke Energy, the person I TALKED with told me the reason for the high Adjusting of \$360.73, which I didn't understand.

As I was talking with this person at Duke Energy, I was told my monthly bill would go from \$52.00 a month to \$91.00 each month, an increase of \$39.00.

I live on a fixed income, Social Security, and a very small amount from my late wife's retirement. I found it hard to come up with and pay the \$360.73, plus the \$39.00 increase in my monthly bill, I could use for grocery's, etc.

There are other's that have had their Electric bill's go up I'm sure, but this is ridiculous and uncalled for. My bill has NOT gone up no more than \$20.00 a month in the passed, Not from \$52.00 to \$91.00.

THANK you for your Time.

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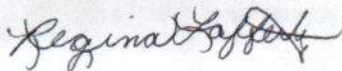
Dear Mr. Ayers,

Recently I received a notice from Duke Energy regarding their application to construct an 850 MW Natural Gas-Fired Combustion Turbine Electric Generating Facility in Catawba County (Docket No. E-7, Sub 1297). As a disabled senior citizen, I personally oppose this request for the following reasons:

- 1) I struggle to pay my monthly power bill with all the current fees/charges above the actual cost of power. Many of these fees should be included in Duke's responsibility as the cost of doing business. In 2023, Duke's CEO received \$21.35 million in compensation; 30% more than her 2021 income, compared to my Social Security 3.2% COLA amounting to approximately \$45 per month or \$540 annually.
- 2) Duke's income of \$4.3 billion last year along with reducing the CEO's compensation could be better utilized to fund Duke's programs without relying on the consumer. In my area, there is no other choice but to use Duke as the energy provider.
- 3) With Duke sending me the notice, it further emphasizes the fact Duke has no idea where my service is located. I, in fact, do not live in Catawba County nor near the Marshall Energy Complex. There is nothing to indicate how or if this will affect my property.
- 4) I have personally had to deal with the destruction, clean-up, and expense to my property caused directly by Duke and or their contractors during the upgrade of the Google transmission lines even though my property was not near their right of way. When they come into a community, they think their right of way is any where they want it to be at the time. From flooding adjacent property to the point of knocking an outbuilding off its blocks while collecting six inches of stormwater inside, private asphalt roads covered with inches of mud, asphalt damaged from using an endloader to scrape packed mud, hauling hundreds of tons of gravel on private roads, cutting down fruit trees that were not in their right of way, tearing down mailboxes with their oversized equipment, running over an outdoor swing (once again not in their right of way), and the list goes on. Even after months of calling, arguing, lies, false hope, most repairs were made at the expense of the property owner. Currently, the stormwater is undermining an large electrical box (a main box that provides underground electrical service to approximately eight households) eroding away the ground on which it sits. While Duke has been aware of this situation for several years, we as property owners could never be fully prepared to face this catastrophic condition when the inevitable happens due to Duke's negligence.

In summation, Duke does not take care of problems they create and have a "wait and see" what happens attitude. They do not provide consumers the ability to contact them when a problem arises, messages go unanswered and calls are never returned.

Sincerely,



Regina Lafferty

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