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**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Vaughn Stroud

## Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

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### Docket

E-7 Sub 1214

### Message

I am 65 years old and very concerned about Duke Energy's request for another rate hike. They had already had one in 2018 I believe and wanting another one? I live on Social Security so have limited funds to live on. 12/2019 my bill was \$138.11 and in 01/2020 it went up to \$162.93. I keep my thermostat at 67 during the day time and 66 at night. I am cold most all the time. If you give Duke Energy this raise it will make it very hard on most seniors to keep warm. We know why Duke wants to raise our rates. It is to pay for the coal ash mess clean up. WHY should we be penalized for a stupid mistake on their part. They are the ones who messed up the environment with their negligence so way should we be punished. Duke Energy is not exactly a poor company. I am sure they have the funds to pay for this without punishing us for their doings. PLEASE!!! DO NOT give them this rate increase. We can not afford this! They are a Monopoly and we have no choice of who we can use. Please think of the innocent consumers and do not make us pay for their crimes. Sincerely, Vaughn Stroud

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