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**Subject:** Comments on Docket #E-2 Sub 1219 - NO RATE HIKE!  
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I am writing to express my concern over Duke Energy Progress's (DEP) seeking of approval from the North Carolina Utilities Commission of a \$463.6 million increase in the amount Duke can collect from its ratepayers each year—representing a residential hike of 14.3%, and an overall 12.3% increase.

**Please consider that there are many people out of work because of COVID-19**, with no current income who cannot support any increase or even afford to pay the current rates. This is not the time to support a rate hike!

**Please consider No Rate Hikes for Dirty Energy!** DEP should be investing in renewable energy, not in fossil fuel energy/natural gas.

**Please consider No Rate Hikes for Coal Ash!** DEP defied the advice of science and experts for years while disposing of its toxic coal ash in irresponsible and unsafe ways – all to make shareholders a few more dollars in profit. **They should bear the cost of cleaning up their own mess.**

Duke Energy is attempting, yet again, to raise our electricity bills to help pay for its coal ash mess and investments in fossil fuel energy. **Duke Energy's proposed rate increases exclude any direct investment in renewable energy or energy efficiency!**

**No Rate Hikes until Duke has a plan to shut down all coal powered plants, to stop building more natural gas plants and to transition to renewable energy. And until the economic situation for CITIZENS has improved due to COVID-19 closures.**

Sincerely,  
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