

Green, Erica

From: whocooksforyou64@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of GAIL LANKFORD <whocooksforyou64@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 9:45 AM
To: Statements
Subject: A faithful invitation regarding 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. I only thank you if you vote for the project, which is the only sensible vote.

Sincerely,

GAIL LANKFORD

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Green, Erica

From: CoreyPine Shane <coreypineus@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 9:42 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing about Duke's reversal of course regarding the planned solar project around Asheville.

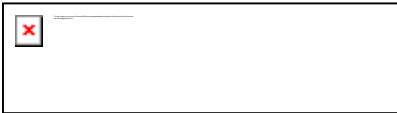
Five years ago, Duke Energy agreed to build more solar power fields to help move our state away from reliance on fossil fuels. Buncombe County has a perfect place for a solar field, the county government has agreed to this plan, and now 5 years later to decide to move to the eastern part of the state is a betrayal of the original agreement.

Please hold Duke Energy to their original agreement to build the solar power plant here in Woodfin.

Thank you
Corey Shane

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CoreyPine Shane, RH(AHG), Holistic Clinical Herbalist
Director, Blue Ridge School of Herbal Medicine
President, Pine's Herbals
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From: suenbern@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan Koesters
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Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 11:31 AM
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*Sincerely,
Susan Koesters*

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Green, Erica

From: ssflower2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan Sunflower <ssflower2@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 21, 2020 8:47 AM
To: Statements
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*Sincerely,
Susan Sunflower*

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Green, Erica

From: rb719504@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Randy Bernard <rb719504@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2020 9:42 PM
To: Statements
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*Sincerely,
Randy Bernard*

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Green, Erica

From: Doug Wingeier <dcwing@main.nc.us>
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2020 8:31 PM
To: Statements
Subject: "Docket E-2 Sub 1257."

Commissioner friends:

I am reliably informed that back 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.

Why is it proposed 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.

I THEREFOR REQUEST THAT THE COMMISSION HOLD DUKE TO ITS COMMITMENT. TO REVERSE COURSE FIVE YEARS LATER IS A BETRAYAL OF THE PUBLIC TRUST AND WELFARE!

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Green, Erica

From: lboggess@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laura Boggess
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Sent: Friday, November 20, 2020 12:31 PM
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*Sincerely,
Laura Boggess*

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Green, Erica

From: lboggess@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laura Boggess
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Sent: Friday, November 20, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Statements
Subject: A faithful invitation regarding Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

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Green, Erica

From: ellie.weyer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ellie Weyer <ellie.weyer@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2020 11:32 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

Dear NC Utilities Commission Members,

I support the 5 MW solar facility proposed by Duke Energy Progress at 2720 Riverside Drive in Woodfin, NC.

Please allow Duke to make good on its commitment for 15 MW of solar energy in our region, of which this 5 MW Woodfin plant is part.

We need more solar power in our region and for the projects to be visible to everyone in our community and state.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Sincerely,
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Green, Erica

From: donclapp@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Don Clapp <donclapp@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 9:14 PM
To: Statements
Subject: A faithful invitation regarding Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

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Sincerely,

Don Clapp

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Green, Erica

From: ROBINCASTILES@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robin Stiles
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Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 8:59 PM
To: Statements
Subject: A faithful invitation regarding Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

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*This is Robin Stiles. Solar power is so important to us to **HELP SAVE OUR EARTH** that we have installed solar panels on our rooftop. My husband and I urge you to support Duke's pledge to do its solar part here in WNC by approving the Woodfin Solar Project.*

Thank you.

Robin Stiles

Sincerely,

Robin Stiles

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Green, Erica

From: mt.to.sea@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessie Wilder <mt.to.sea@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 7:39 PM
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Sincerely,

Jessie Wilder

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Green, Erica

From: amandalevesque466@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amanda Levesque <amandalevesque466@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 5:49 PM
To: Statements
Subject: A faithful invitation regarding Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

Dear NC Utilities Commission Members,

As a person of faith, I am writing to invite you to support the future of Western North Carolina and beyond by approving the 5 MW solar facility proposed by Duke Energy Progress at 2720 Riverside Drive in Woodfin, NC. Faith Communities, Churches and individuals are working to bring about a better future by installing solar power, but we need creative leadership from policy makers, commissions and businesses. This project in Woodfin 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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This project is simply good stewardship of resources. 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. We need more tangible expressions of the future we want for our children and grandchildren and this reuse of the landfill site is beautiful portrait of what can be our common home.

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,

Amanda Levesque

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Green, Erica

From: BBelle2001@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brenda Denton <BBelle2001@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

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*Sincerely,
Brenda Denton*

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Green, Erica

From: Sara Nutter <nuttersw@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 4:57 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

NC Utilities Commission,

I write to encourage you to abide by the agreement to install 15 megawatts of new solar energy in our community. This project is a benefit to our community with reduced carbon emissions, new jobs, and leading to 100% renewable energy goals.

Regards,

*Sara M. Nutter
12 Perrion Ct.
Weaverville, NC 28787*

Green, Erica

From: mike.garry@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mike Garry <mike.garry@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 3:47 PM
To: Statements
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Sincerely,

Mike Garry

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Green, Erica

From: cohamp-tonjr@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Charles Hampton
<cohamp-tonjr@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 3:21 PM
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*Sincerely,
Charles Hampton*

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Green, Erica

From: pemoffa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Peter Moffa <pemoffa@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 2:52 PM
To: Statements
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Sincerely,

Peter Moffa

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Green, Erica

From: Claudia Nix <claudianix@libertybikes.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 2:41 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

I am writing today out of concern that the NC Utilities Commission is suggesting that Duke build their large solar project on the coast rather than in the Blue Ridge Mtn. area. It does not seem right for this recommended change. The retired landfill in the mountains is not suitable for many things and becoming a solar project is an ideal project to be developed there. This project would offer good paying jobs for the community and help reduce emissions which was a promise Duke made to the area residents in 2015. I hope you will go back to the original plan of building the solar development of the old Woodfin landfill.

Claudia Nix
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Green, Erica

From: bula@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Jo Deck <bula@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 12:14 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

Dear NC Utilities Commission Members,

This is a vital project. Please take note of it's value for western NC. 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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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,
Mary Jo Deck*

Brasstown, NC 28902
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Green, Erica

From: Rose Shulman <oufoxu@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 10:40 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2sub 1257

After years of work it is now being upended by a last minute unacceptable change. Duke should build on the Woodfin landfill as planned. If the NC Utilities Commission wants to change this, it should come as an addition. Build at both the landfill and another solar array can be built on the east coast. Duke owes us after contaminating our rivers, air and soil. Either build two arrays or stick with the Woodfin landfill site. Stop wasting time and money with what I believe is a delay tactic.

*Rose Shulman
NC resident
who has her own solar array powering her home.*

Green, Erica

From: epell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elizabeth Pell <epell@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 8:56 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

Dear NC Utilities Commission Members,

Please approve the 5 MW solar facility proposed on the retired landfill in western NC at 2720 Riverside Drive in Woodfin. T

- 1. NC needs to reduce pollution and build our solar capacity and this project is a critical, and initial fulfillment of Duke's 2015 commitment to build 15 new MW of solar energy as part of its Western Carolinas Modernization Project.*
- 2. NC's Utilities Commission supports the project at the Woodfin location and urges timely implementation of Duke's solar commitment, and now your approval is key to moving this commitment forward.*
- 3. The retired landfill is a very inexpensive location and repurposes land that would not be viable for other development and we residents of western NC need this solar energy. We are growing population and businesses quickly and need this project to go forward. If this project is not approved, Duke will likely not fulfill its promise to our community.*

Please allow Duke to make good on its commitment for 15 MW of solar energy in our region.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Pell

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Green, Erica

From: christy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Christina E Dickson <christy@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 8:53 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

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Sincerely,

Christina E Dickson

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Green, Erica

From: jhgraeter@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jesse Graeter <jhgraeter@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 6:49 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

Dear NC Utilities Commission Members,

**** I am an Engineer in utility scale power generation and due feel that this Woodfin Solar project should be approved. I would like to understand the concerns the NCU has for this project. Please email me this information at: jhgraeter@gmail.com. Thanks - Jesse Graeter P.E. ****

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Sincerely,

Jesse Graeter

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Green, Erica

From: snam5370@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of S.Nam <snam5370@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 11:03 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: barbarasloss@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Barbara Sloss
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Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 9:43 PM
To: Statements
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I think this is a great opportunity to be a model for other landfill sites. I believe solar can be sited to improve land use, especially in this case.

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*Sincerely,
Barbara Sloss
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Green, Erica

From: myfriendheidi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Heidi Swann
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Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 9:29 PM
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*Sincerely,
Heidi Swann*

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Green, Erica

From: summerlwink@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Summer Winkler
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Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 9:20 PM
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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,
Summer Winkler*

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Green, Erica

From: Cynthia Justice <cpjustice69@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 8:34 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

When the agreement was struck with Duke Energy to end the coal powered plant at Lake Julian, Duke was to build 15 megawatts of solar energy in our area. The NC Utilities Commission agreed to approve Duke's Carolinas Modernization Project that would include the new gas plant, retiring coal, transitioning to clean energy. Now the public staff of the NC Utilities Commission wants the solar facilities to be built in the eastern part of NC. This was a commitment among the utilities, Duke and our community to begin cleaning up our air and water and was understood by all to be essential to solar jobs, reduced carbon emissions and get to our City/County's goal of 100% renewable energy by 2042. To change this agreement is breaking a trust with us.. Please honor the agreement.

Sincerely,

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Gray Justice
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Green, Erica

From: dalemccrary@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Richard McCrary
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Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 7:46 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,
Richard McCrary*

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Green, Erica

From: heidilblanck@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Heidi Blanck
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Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 7:35 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

Dear NC Utilities Commission Members,

Hello. Western North Carolina is a sunny place to live, travel, and enjoy the mountain life. Therefore, am writing to urge you to approve the 5 MW solar facility proposed by Duke Energy Progress 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 its clean skies and 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 western region. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Green, Erica

From: sweissman4@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stephen Weissman <sweissman4@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 7:32 PM
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.

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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,
Stephen Weissman*

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Green, Erica

From: Richard Atherton <rgrahamatherton@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 6:34 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Solar Landfill

Good Evening Everyone!

I am writing this email in advance for the commission today for the Solar landfill project in a request that it gets approved today. To start off, Duke had an agreement to build 15 megawatts of new energy which was approved. This included this solar project on a retired landfill which Duke won the bid for. While the other land may be less expensive, there was a prior 2015 commitment which should be honored. The landfill is not able to be used for other purposes, so without the project, the land might just go to waste. Additionally, the county has waived the lease on the land for the project, so it is already cheaper. Finally, this step just furthers the goal for 100% renewable energy, while also adding new jobs to the sector.

Thank you for your time,
Richard Atherton

Green, Erica

From: vfahrer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Vic Fahrer <vfahrer@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 7:19 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,

Vic Fahrer

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Green, Erica

From: Paul <pakelso@acsgmail.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 6:10 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

Please ask the NC Utilities Commission to approve the new solar project at Buncombe County's retired landfill. Their staff has recommended denying the project.

Talking Points: 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.

2. 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.

3. 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 less expensive & more feasible.

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.

Green, Erica

From: cshapenote@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Chris Berg
<cshapenote@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 4:56 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

Dear NC Utilities Commission Members,

Please approve a Duke Energy Progress commitment to develop the 5 MW solar facility at 2720 Riverside Drive in Woodfin, NC. This project fulfills part of Duke's 2015 commitment to build 15 new MW of solar energy as part of its Western Carolinas Modernization Project. Recently the NC Utilities Commission has supported and urged timely implementation of Duke's solar commitment. I believe your approval is key to moving this commitment forward to the WNC energy market. I note that market definition is awkward, but the absence of a fully reliable and manageable electric grid system is still some ways off, so interim support of major production facility transmission frameworks as appropriate to delineate in making regulatory adjustments seems appropriate in this case.

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 using currently available technologies, Hence, "[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-competitive site in our community and market 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. Confining such development to parts of the state that have large parcels of flat land is not appropriate given your reliability mandates. Approving this solar landfill site would bring added benefits from 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 an adopted local 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 could cost far more than installing the system at the proposed, relatively flat, more affordable retired landfill site. If this project is not approved, we question how Duke will be allowed to properly fulfill its full promise to our region and its communities.

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

Sincerely,

Chris Berg

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Green, Erica

From: jaedraluke@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jaedra Luke <jaedraluke@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 4:28 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.

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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,

Jaedra Luke

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Green, Erica

From: Emanuel Acosta <eacosta1234@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 1:36 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

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.

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

Green, Erica

From: ktoates@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Katie Oates <ktoates@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 12:50 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Please Approve the Woodfin Solar Facility

Dear NC Utilities Commission Members,

I live in the Olivette neighborhood directly across from the Woodfin landfill. I will be able to see the solar panels from my home. I am writing to urge you strongly to APPROVE the 5 MW solar facility proposed by Duke Energy Progress at 2720 Riverside Drive in Woodfin, NC. Every day when I look at those panels I will remember Duke's 2015 commitment to build 15 new MW of solar energy as part of its Western Carolinas Modernization Project. And I will be grateful to Buncombe County and The NC Utilities Commission for their forward thinking.

ALL of our communities across NC need to embrace renewable energy as the future--for the health of our communities and the health of the planet we rely on to live. The retirement of the coal plant in Asheville has led to visibly cleaner, healthier air, and we in this community will be proud to add more renewable energy to our local grid as part of a goal for 100% renewable energy by 2042. (I also have rooftop solar on my house.)

Sincerely,

Katie Oates

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Green, Erica

From: sbreckheimer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Steve Breckheimer
<sbreckheimer@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 12:40 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,
Steve Breckheimer*

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Green, Erica

From: bcheney581@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Barry Cheney <bcheney581@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 12:24 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.

Western North Carolina is in dire need of these types of facilities, both as a source of clean energy, but also as a source of employment. It will also help Buncombe County meet its promise of 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,

Barry Cheney

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Green, Erica

From: jojo.ames51@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jo-Ellen Ames <jojo.ames51@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 12:15 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.

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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,
Jo-Ellen Ames*

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Green, Erica

From: James Smith <james.mhtims@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 10:25 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1257

Hi,

I am emailing in support of the solar farm in woodfin. As a believer in Asheville's commitment to the environment, I feel strongly that the city and county should be investing in renewable energy within our city and particularly building on land that would otherwise have no use. This project will not only help fulfill Asheville's energy needs, but decrease our reliance on other sources of energy production. I implore you to consider the existing plan to build on the landfill.

Thank you,

James

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James Smith

Environmental Science Writer
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Green, Erica

From: icanaryking@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ian Canary-King
<icanaryking@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 9:47 AM
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.

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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,
Ian Canary-King*

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Green, Erica

From: ecartwright@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Esther Cartwright
<ecartwright@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:02 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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To Whom It May Concern:

In 2015, as part of our community's 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.

The first 5 megawatts in the plan Duke made 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.**

Please do not allow this change to be carried out. You must stay with the original agreement.

Thank you,

Georganne Spruce