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**From:** Suzanna Watkins  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2024 1:06 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Suzanna Watkins

## Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Suzanna Watkins

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### Docket

E-2 sub 1318 and EC-67 sub 55

### Message

I am a Duke Energy Carolinas customer and rate-payer. I am extremely concerned about the climate crisis and I believe that the federal government and every state need to act quickly to reduce carbon emissions, using all resources at their disposal. The North Carolina Utilities Commission is one of our most powerful resources, and has done a great job keeping utility rates low and working on behalf of North Carolina citizens with innovative programs such as Tariffed On-Bill Financing for energy-efficient upgrades, and directing Duke Energy to speed up pilot programs that will strengthen the grid and make it more efficient. Duke Energy's proposed gas-powered plant in Person County keeps North Carolina's energy future firmly in the 20th century. Climate change is driven by accumulated carbon emissions, so the faster we can reduce carbon, the more we will save over time in terms of climate-based remediation, health effects, insurance premiums etc. Duke should roll back plans for new fossil-fuel plants, and focus its resources and knowhow on developing renewables. Proven technologies exist at a lower cost right now to meet North Carolina's energy needs. Market data show renewables to be the cheapest way to generate electricity. Battery technology is improving rapidly and costs are dropping so that renewable with battery storage components are still cheaper than fossil fuels for generating electricity. Why not place solar power installations in high-voltage transmission right-of-ways? Right-of-ways have to be maintained for maintenance access, so getting to them is relatively easy, and the power lines are RIGHT THERE to accept the electricity! The experts at Duke Energy could figure out how to do this, adding renewable power without building a gas plant that will be obsolete in 20 years. Thank you to the North Carolina Utilities Commission for all that you do!

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**From:** Peter Brezny  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2024 11:21 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Peter Brezny

## Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Peter Brezny

### Email

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### Docket

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

### Message

I strongly oppose the buildout of further fossil fuel based power infrastructure. This antiquated technology is not the direction NC needs to be heading. More jobs, better paying jobs, safer, more distributed power generation, cleaner, healthier communities...is this what comes to mind when someone says 'lets build a power plant'? NO. That's what comes to mind when we stick with outdated technology to solve modern problems. NC must move beyond fossil fuel and generate renewable power through a combination of wind, solar and battery storage. Had we simply stayed on course from 2 decades ago, NC would be THE LEADER in solar generation in the south east. As it stands now, thanks to spineless action from uninformed bureaucrats, Duke Power has been allowed to all but destroy the solar industry in NC and punish those who, at their own expence, did the right thing to install gird tied micro power production systems. YOUR JOB IS TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF NC FROM PROFIC CENTRIC, SHORT SIGHTED POWER GENERATION DECISIONS. DO YOUR JOB. Say no to fossil fuel and nuclear based centralized generation and instead force Duke power to, at a minimum, eliminate all fees for micro power producers and require them to pay a competitive rate for renewable energy sold to them. Sincerely, Peter Brezny

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**From:** Anne Patterson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 15, 2024 4:29 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Anne Patterson

## Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Anne Patterson

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### Docket

E-2, SUB 1318 and EC-67, SUB 55

### Message

I do not support Duke Energy's request to install a natural gas-fueled generating facility in Person Co, NC because it prolongs the use of fossil fuels for decades instead of making progress toward cleaner energy generation. Send Duke back to the drawing board to come up with a plan that includes more renewables and nuclear options. They have the funds to do so and the technical know-how. They also need to phase out all coal-fuel generation plants ASAP. You as NC state regulators and as advocates for the environment and North Carolinians need to send a firm and clear message to push them on both these issues.

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