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Hello.

I urge the Utilities Commission to deny Duke's requested rate hike for expensive grid infrastructure that will be outdated by the time its built due to the growth of increasingly economical solar power and battery storage. Also, Duke should not pass on costs to customer from the company's coal ash mess. Finally, any consideration of natural gas as a "clean fuel" needs to account for the release of methane gas during fracking, as methane is an even more potent greenhouse gas than CO2. A better short-term partial solution for the climate crisis (along with increased wind/solar/storage) would be nuclear power.

Thank you.

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