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Message

Dear Utilities Commission, As a resident of North Carolina, I am requesting that the commission make it a top priority to protect customer choice, free enterprise, and the progress of clean energy in this state. This correspondence is a request that the commission does not allow Duke Energy's to increase rates under its current request for the following reasons: • Duke Energy's egregious history of coal ash pollution within the state. The public should not have to pay for what that the company has lost in its own negligence as well as for its hand in the grave health costs to a portion of the public in North Carolina. • Duke Energy's part in diminishing and arguably even prohibiting the progress of clean energy in the state for the sake of profit over public protection. Particularly in the face of a global climate crisis in which every human and company should be making maximum contributing towards fixing. • Duke Energy's inequitable rate hike percentage request compared to nearby states as well as business vs residential hikes. • The enormous amount of profit that the company has made for its shareholders and CEO's despite its pollution and cleanup. I am not a direct Duke Energy customer but purchase my electric through Dominion. Since Duke Energy is currently allowed to operate as a monopoly in the state, most companies depend on the use of Duke's energy grid, therefore I am an indirect consumer. Additionally, as a resident of North Carolina, I am affected by their energy actions. I would like to see an update to the security of the grid's infrastructure as well as to see them help the FREEDM Systems Center, innovate the grid for the greater good of the people of NC and make it easier for green energy storage. However, the onus is on the company to provide an outline of good faith in its vision to the people of the state. After personally reviewing some of the written and verbal comments from both residents and commercial businesses of NC against Duke Energy's request for increased rates and learning that there are still unsettled matters with the state that should be resolved prior to this decision. Should the Utilities Commission currently fulfill Duke's request, the optics of that fulfillment would not be optimal for the commission. By all appearances, it would seem that Duke Energy or certain government entities may have a powerful hold on the commission. I do hope that you will follow the will of the people and reject Duke Energy's current request for a rate increase. Sincerely, Dianne Sacchetti