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## Statement of Position Submitted

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E-7 Sub 1214

### Message

In light of Duke Energy's application for s rate increase to pay for Coal Ash basin removal, remediation , I must state that for decades Duke Energy, Duke Power, and former utilities that merged into Duke, have lobbied for decades to prevent proper and appropriate means of storing and disposing of Dukes Coal Ash. Duke lobbied hard during the previous decades, hiring the major law firms in NC, where former NC governors were vested partners. And by doing so, the lobbyist efforts were to keep coal ash disposal costs to a minimum and benefit Duke Power , but not the utility consumers, that are now being asked to pay for proper storage and containment of Duke Coal Ash. I object to Dukes rate increase request to pay for These Coal Ash measures, in light the company intentionally fought/lobbied to avoid these measures over decades. Duke should absorb these costs without undue burden to the unknowingly misinformed utility consumers during the past decades. NO.

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