From: Cheryl Citro
begracious@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:49 PM

To: Statements

Subject: Duke Energy rate hike request - E-2 Sub 1219

Hello -

This email is in regards to Duke Energy's request for a 14.3% rate increase - E-2- Sub 1219.

At this time when so many are struggling I find it obscene for Duke Energy to be requesting a 14.3% rate increase. Electric is essential for everyone to survive and not something optional that people can choose to eliminate from their budget or move to a different company. With so many unemployed, and the uncertain future of the economy with the rapidly growing Covid cases, many people will not be able to bear this increase as they are already struggling for other basic items such as food.

Rate payers should not bear the cost of the coal ash cleanup. Duke Energy can cut salaries and extra overhead just like small businesses are forced to do at this time. I urge you to not allow this outrageous rate hike on ratepayers who have little choice in choosing their electric provider.

Thank you. Cheryl Citro

From: Mandy Lampley <mandyjo.lampley@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 12:44 PM

To: Statements

Subject: Docket Number E-2 Sub 1219

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing regarding the proposed rate increase by Duke Energy to homeowners. Until Duke Energy can provide the public with clear and direct programs that will transition to renewable energy, there should be no increase in cost to consumers. Consumers already bear the cost of dirty energy products. I will not support a rate increase until Duke Energy demonstrates a commitment to renewable energy.

Amanda Lampley

Sent:

Sunday, June 28, 2020 5:29 PM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Cathy Stevens

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Cathy Stevens

Email

cathystevens1@yahoo.com

Docket

E-2 Sub 1219

Message

We strongly oppose Duke's rate hike. Why are we absorbing a HUGE rate hike so that Duke can use our money to pay for their Coal Ash cleanup? They should bear the cost of the clean up from their mess! And why should we pay more for dirty energy? NCUC should be directing Duke to invest in renewable energy, not natural gas. Please do not approve this rate hike. In normal times, this rate hike would be considered ridiculous and usurious. But now? The increased cost of utility bills with this rate hike will hurt an already struggling population that is still reeling from the continuing affects of COVID-19.

From: Judith Kaufman <hydegirl1@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:54 PM

To: Statements

Subject: Duke Rate Hike - Docket number E-2 Sub 1219

Dear Commissioners,

I vigorously oppose the rate hike proposed by Duke Energy for the following reasons:

- The rate increases exclude any direct investment in renewable energy and/or energy efficiency. Yet Duke
 continues to invest in fossil fuel infrastructure. No rate hikes for dirty energy!
- Duke Energy defied the advice of science and experts for years while disposing of its toxic coal ash in irresponsible and unsafe ways – all to make shareholders more in profit. They should bear the cost of cleaning up their own mess. No rate hikes for coal ash!
- More transparency is needed in Duke's "Grid Improvement Plan". They seek deferral for over \$2.3 billion to pay for their "grid improvement plan" without giving enough detail about how they plan to spend this money.
- Advances in renewables, paired with battery storage, are set to leap-frog the traditional grid arrangement. Plus it's a faster, cheaper and better way to get to a distributed and more resilient energy system.
- We should be equipping buildings and homes with solar+storage instead of pouring billions into an
 electricity grid system. Duke needs to work with communities to build a resilient grid for the 21st
 Century!

Thank you for considering my objections and recommendations. I trust that you will make decisions that will be in the best interest of the North Carolina citizenry and environment to bring the state into the highest and best state of renewable energy.

Best, Judith H. Kaufman Asheville, NC

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Sent:

Monday, June 29, 2020 1:21 PM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Lauren Livingston

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Lauren Livingston

Email

ljs4living@gmail.com

Docket

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Message

I oppose the 14% proposed rate hike. Not only is this harmful to consumers, it lets Duke off the hook for coal ash clean up and for continued reliance on fossil fuels. Duke needs to pay for coal ash clean up and demonstrate that they have a plan to transition fully to renewable energy. North Carolina consumers deserve at least this much prior to any rate increase.

Sent:

Monday, June 29, 2020 8:46 PM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Melissa Bigg

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Melissa Bigg

Email

mrsbigg@gmail.com

Docket

E-2 Sub 1219

Message

We are adamantly opposed to any rate hike. Duke Energy created its own messes and Duke Energy should be held wholly responsible for the cost of clean up. Stop sticking it to consumers who can barely afford food let alone a rate hike. Get serious, stop with bottom line mentallt's and try being responsive corporate citizens.

From: Silver Star <ericajburns@silverstar.com>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 11:50 PM

To: Statements

Subject: Docket #E-2 Sub 1219 , Duke energy

1. I am a duke energy rate payer and think it would be terrible for you to accept a rate increase, let alone a 14.3% one from Duke energy.

- 2. Duke energy makes great profits for itself and its stock holders. Because they have polluted some of the poorest areas in NC with coal ash and now must clean it up, they are sticking it to the ratepayers, like myself to clean it up for them. this is outrageous. Please say no to the increase.
- 3. Also, please do not allow them to invest in more fossil fuel plants. The Public Utilities Commission should be encouraging Duke to seek ways to invest in renewal energy, not causing more climate change by investing in more dirty energy. Enough is enough.

Thanks for your consideration.

I would like to hear back from you about your decision on this,

Erica Burns 32 Hunting Lodge Drive Black Mountain, NC 28711

Sent:

Monday, June 29, 2020 1:04 PM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Luise Johnson

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Luise Johnson

Email

luise.johnson.nc@gmail.com

Docket

E-2 SUB 1219

Message

I absolutely do not want a rate hike. Duke progress energy has mismanaged their fossil fuel industry, and has not advocated for sustainable energy, but has worked against it. They do not deserve any more taxpayer money.

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Sent:

Monday, June 29, 2020 12:31 PM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Roger & Louise Turnet

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Roger & Louise Turnet

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Docket

E-2 Sub 1219

Message

These comments pertain to Duke Energy's [DEP] proposed \$463.6 Million rate increase. Once again Duke is passing on the clean up of its coal ash cleanups in the following plants: Asheville, Cape Fear, H.F. Lee, Mayo, Robibson. Roxborough, and Weatyerspoon. DEP has also requested an increase for it's new \$820 M Asheville gas plant. So once again DEP is asking us to invest our money in an out-dated, non-renewable system. Why should a state controlled monopoly be allowed to do this. We, the people of N. Carolina, should not be paying for this. DEP needs to enter the 21st Century with an emphasis on renewable energy.

Sent:

Monday, June 29, 2020 12:26 PM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Robin M LivelySummers

Statement of Position Submitted

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Robin M LivelySummers

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robinsnest3000@gmail.com

Docket

E-2 SUB 1219

Message

Duke Energy must not expect us to pay for their mistakes. They have made money hand over fist and so for me I say NO to a 14.3% rate increase, say NO to more investments in fossil fuel plants. Our world is dying and fossil fuels are the cause. I don't want to cover Dukes laziness in dealing with their poison. So for that reason I say NO to charging ratepayers for coal ash cleanups. Lastly I demand that Duke invest in renewable energy instead of fossil fuels. It is time for this monopoly care for the people they serve and not their stockholders.

Sent:

Monday, June 29, 2020 11:58 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by William Catlin

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

William Catlin

Email

bcatlin.gt16@gmail.com

Docket

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Message

This proposed increase is outrages. With masses of people out of work and more to come Duke wants to make lives more difficult. Duke should be made to pay for their poor management practices out of their pockets not ours.

Sent:

Monday, June 29, 2020 11:27 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Carrie Plaxco

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Carrie Plaxco

Email

medit8@live.com

Docket

E-2 Sub 1219

Message

I can not support a Duke rate increase. Our rates are already very high, and an increase will pose further hardship for most of us in Westetn NC.

Sent:

Monday, June 29, 2020 11:16 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Karen hatley

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Karen hatley

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kghatley@yahoo.com

Docket

E2 Sub 1219

Message

NO to a 14.3% rate increase. We have so many unemployed people and most everyone is struggling to survive this pandemic economically. NO to more investments in fossil fuel plants. Our environment started cleaning itself with less pollutants being put in the air during the shutdowns. That shows we can improve our planet putting less pollutants into the air. NO to charging ratepayers for coal ash cleanups. We did not make the mess with coal ash. Duke should clean up the coal ash. They knew what they were doing polluting with the coal ash. Duke should invest in renewable energy instead of fossil fuels. We only have 1 planet.