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**From:** bali-beach-villas <bali-beach-villas@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2020 3:48 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Cc:** NC WARN  
**Subject:** DOCKET E-7, SUB 1214

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy customer, I hereby request that you deny Duke's operational proposals & request for a rate increases in the above entitled matter.

I am opposed to Duke's proposed grid plan & their request to unnecessarily expand their gas operations & related rate hikes, and I find it particularly egregious that they wish to charge the cost of coal ash remedies to rate-payers when it was their own negligence & failure to properly protect the public & the environment that caused the catastrophic conditions that their coal ash storage has wrought.

Why should the rate-payers subsidize not only unnecessary expansion of gas operations, but actions that will further cause damage to environmental concerns? This thinly veiled scheme to run up costs unnecessarily as a bogus justification for rate increases is ludicrous. It should be summarily denied. Further, unfairly shifting the cost of coal ash clean-up to the ratepayers, when Duke management made foolish decisions to improperly store it in the first place is, likewise, unjustifiable. Those remedial costs must be borne by the company itself & its shareholders. To rule otherwise would be inequitable.

So I urge you to deny Duke's proposals for expansion & rate hikes in this docket matter. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this statement in opposition to the above-noted matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas M Antoon  
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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy S10 smartphone

The pessimist complains about the wind, & the optimist expects it to change. But the realist adjusts the sails. - Anonymous

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From: NC WARN <ncwarn@ncwarn.org>  
Date: 2/20/20 2:09 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: Thomas Antoon <bali-beach-villas@earthlink.net>  
Subject: Two-pronged Outrage in Duke Rate Case