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To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1089-I support clean energy, not over-reliance on gas

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Clerk's Office
Utilities Commission

Dear NC Utilities Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Duke Energy's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to build three new natural gas units in Asheville, NC.

While I believe it is good news that there's an end in sight to coal ash, sulfur dioxide, and carbon pollution from this coal-fired plant, replacing it with an over-sized gas plant is not the vision we hold for a clean energy economy here in North Carolina.

I strongly support replacing as much of the retiring plant's capacity as possible with clean, renewable energy. Duke's proposed 15 MW of solar are a great first step, but needs to be larger. The proposed 5 MW of storage is a potential game-changer, and I strongly support this forward-thinking investment.

Duke Energy needs to publicly demonstrate how it projects the future energy needs for western North Carolina. Historically, Duke has overestimated electricity demands, as compared to actual experience, and has favored building new power plants which drive profits for its shareholders.

I do not want my money wasted on an overly large, unnecessarily expensive power plant when low cost, job creating energy efficiency programs are a viable option to reduce our energy demand. Thirty percent of the energy use that goes into our buildings is wasted from air leaks, poor insulation, outdated appliances and inefficient or malfunctioning equipment. We should fix those problems before committing to such a large natural-gas-infrastructure project..

Including a third natural gas unit in the application is premature. Duke told the public that this third unit, an inefficient unit designed to run when power usage is at its highest, won't be needed until 2023 and only if the energy efficiency programs Duke has promised are unsuccessful. Duke's application should match its public statements; Duke should include concrete energy efficiency programs in its filing and revisit any future need for additional capacity at a later date. Otherwise, it is betting against the success of the new clean energy partnership it is forming with the City of Asheville and Buncombe County.

I urge the Commission to share in our vision for a clean energy future for North Carolina, and call for Duke Energy to scale back any new natural gas generation and require investments in clean energy and energy efficiency for our region.

Sincerely,

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From: Ann Folmar Kieffer <annkieffer@bellsouth.net>
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Clerk's Office

To the members of the North Carolina Utilities Commission:

I appreciate having the opportunity to comment on Duke Energy's application to build three new natural gas powered units in Asheville, NC.

I strongly agree with Duke's decision to close down its current coal burning power generators. I also applaud Duke's continuing efforts to safely move and store the coal ash that threatens the French Broad River and neighboring residential water supplies to lined, covered pits on the grounds of the Asheville Airport.

However, Duke Energy's plan to replace the coal powered generators with two 280 MW natural gas powered units and an additional 186 MW peaking unit do not reflect a commitment to addressing climate change or investing in the highly promising future of clean energy development in our state.

I understand that Duke has proposed installing solar panels that would generate 15 MW of power along with 5 MW of storage capacity. I am concerned that this is not a part of the current proposal. While this plan is certainly a step in the right direction, it needs to be larger and should have been submitted with the current proposal under your review.

I believe Duke Energy customers deserve an explanation of how the future energy needs for Western North Carolina are being projected. Duke has a history of overprojecting electricity demands resulting in unnecessary costs for its customers.

I believe concrete energy efficiency programs mentioned by Duke are also needed in this proposed plan. These are viable, low cost options that reduce energy demand and also create jobs. Duke's plan needs to include how to address the thirty percent of energy that is wasted

from air leaks, inferior insulation, appliances that are not energy efficient, and malfunctioning equipment. A solid commitment to energy efficiency initiatives by Duke should negate the need for the third 186 MW unit to be built at a later date.

I strongly support Duke Energy increasing more forward-thinking investment in clean energy sources and energy efficiency as the way to meet the energy needs of the people of Western North Carolina. North Carolina is already a leader in solar energy, and our coastal waters offer the best potential for wind power production along the US Atlantic coastline. The economic implications of these energy assets stand ready to pave the way for transitioning toward a clean energy future in NC.

Following the United Nations Climate Talks in Paris, I strongly believe our country and its states have a moral imperative to reduce our carbon emissions. This necessitates a strong, intentional move toward the development of clean energy sources.

I urge the Commission to call for Duke Energy to scale back new natural gas generation and require investments in clean energy and energy efficiency for our region.

Sincerely,
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I am writing to demand a full and transparent examination of Duke Energy's gas expansion. Duke must address the concerns of technical experts!

Sincerely,
Linda McGowen

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N.C. Utilities Commission

I am SO disappointed in Duke Energy. The proposed expansion Asheville is neither wise or necessary. Please use your power to put North Carolina on the side of America's real "energy independence". As proposed, this plant would encourage fracking from many areas. I do not want a facility in NC to be the reason that communities and water systems are poisoned. I cannot believe you would want to have your name attached to that legacy and aftermath either.

Please bring the power of your position to bear on the side of a strong, non toxic future for America, and especially for North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Vonna Viglione