

Conyers, Tamika

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Scott Tucker
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 11:32 PM
To: Statements
Subject: No Rate Hikes For Duke Energy

Mar 5, 2020

NC Utilities Commission

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Sincerely,

Mr. Scott Tucker

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Susan Harley
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 11:32 PM
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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Anita Lederer
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Ms. Anita Lederer

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Armando Tosca
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 11:03 PM
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Mr. Armando Tosca

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Alvin Klassen
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 11:02 PM
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Mr. Alvin Klassen

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Gary Gentry
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 11:02 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Not in my budget

Mar 5, 2020

NC Utilities Commission

Dear Utilities Commission,

I am writing to ask you to support homeowners' continuous efforts to keep their budgets intact by denying Duke Progress's rate hike request and, in fact, reducing their allowable rates, and by rolling back the monthly charge they get for providing nothing at all.

Electricity is not a want, it is a need. Those who provide it should not be for profit entities. I wish I could afford some stock in this business with a captive customer base.

Those who provide it should not be able to ignore the need to protect our planet and expect to charge the cleanup to their unwilling customers who have no choice but to pay.

That is a shakedown and, because electricity is a need, it is your responsibility to represent those of us who need it. If possible, we would cut our power off just for the principle of it.

Please represent us (and yourself, of course, since you, too, are most likely a customer) and tell Duke Progress and their shareholders to eat it.

Thank you.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Gary Gentry
6218 Arrington Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27607
(919) 851-1936

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Nancy Brown
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You have a monopoly and we have no choice. This is WRONG.

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Robert Randhare
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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Mira Sabin
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 10:32 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Please help, With my social security I cannot afford such an increase

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Mrs. Mira Sabin

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Charles Mitchell
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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of David Gardener
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 10:32 PM
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Subject: If they need more money, take it out of executives salaries.

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of RODGER RITTER
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Patricia Hennessy
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Ms. Carrie Dailey

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Pamela Layne
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 10:02 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Electric Rates Need to be Reduced Not Raised.

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of R Jackson
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 9:33 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Duke Energy take responsibility for your mismanagement!

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Stephanie Hanson
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Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 9:32 PM
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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 9:32 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Reject Duke Energy Rate Increase Request

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NC Utilities Commission

Dear Utilities Commission,

Perhaps I don't really understand how these things work, but according to the Charlotte Business Journal, Duke Progress Energy's net income for the 3rd quarter of 2019 was \$1.3 billion. I'm having a difficult time understanding why they need an additional 14% from me.

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Loretta Murrell
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 9:32 PM
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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Marilyn Armstrong
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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Doris Bennett
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 9:32 PM
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Subject: Don't ride electric rates

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Mrs. Doris Bennett

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Carol Brill
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 9:32 PM
To: Statements
Subject: rate hike proposal

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Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 9:32 PM
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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Elizabeth Montague
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Subject: Ridiculous Rate Increase

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doing a tier system where anyone over the age of 65 on a fixed income would pay a lower rate, would you consider that?
Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Naomi Forbes
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Raleigh, NC 27607-3035
(919) 782-4566
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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Robert Ephraim
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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Nancy Motley
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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Jamie Jones
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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Mary Flanagan
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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Tim Epling
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Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 8:32 PM
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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Angela Good
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 8:32 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Unfair Rate Hike!

Mar 5, 2020

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of James Figueroa
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Sincerely,

Mr. Kenneth Weston

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Cynthia Valcarcel
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 8:02 PM
To: Statements
Subject: enough is enough!!

Mar 5, 2020

NC Utilities Commission

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Terry Holder
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 7:33 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Dear Commissioner Mitchell, Brown-Bland, Gray, Clodfelter, Duffley, Hughes, McKissick Jr,

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Wake Electric Membership Corporation supplies my power and as I share in the cost of electricity with other members, a lot are seniors like myself, it is very unfair to expect any customers to pay for Duke Power's negligence and criminal behavior.

Please consider those seniors on a fixed income when it is time rule on rate hikes.

Thanks for your time,

Terry Holder

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Sincerely,

Mr. Terry Holder
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Wake Forest, NC 27587
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Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 7:33 PM
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Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 7:32 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Duke Energy Rate Hike Affordability

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Mr. Mike Musso

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Wendy Scott
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 7:02 PM
To: Statements
Subject: We are paying too much. Your plans are unnecessary

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Stephanie Ziobrowski
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 7:02 PM
To: Statements
Subject: DUKE should pay for their own cleanup

Mar 5, 2020

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Mrs. Stephanie Ziobrowski

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Robert Dogens
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, March 6, 2020 10:33 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Please reject any increase in utility rates !!

Mar 6, 2020

NC Utilities Commission

Dear Utilities Commission,

I urge the North Carolina Utilities Commission to reject the unfair Duke Energy Carolinas rate proposals (Docket No. E-7, Sub 1214).

The proposed 6.7% residential increase unfairly shifts costs to residential customers and burdens us with the expense of Duke's coal ash cleanup.

The Public Staff of the commission recently recommended a significant decrease in rates instead. North Carolinians shouldn't pay for Duke's cleanup or excessive infrastructure spending request. We can't afford it and the spending does not benefit residential customers.

Utility rates are an essential pocketbook issue for people age 50-plus and their families, many of whom struggle to balance paying utility bills and other household expenses along with buying food and medicine.

In addition, Duke's proposed return on equity is too high and could cost residential customers billions in unnecessary costs.

Finally, the customer charge should be rolled back. Older Americans tend to use less electricity, and high fixed charges deny them the full benefit of their lower usage.

Please reject the unfair Duke Energy Carolinas rate hike proposals.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mr. Robert Dogens
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Charlotte, NC 28202
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