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Dear Utilities Commision:

I STRONGLY oppose the proposed rate hike for Duke Energy. A rate increase for a huge corporation at a time when many of us are struggling financially does not make sense, and is not in the best interest of the public. I cannot afford to be paying Duke about \$17.29 a month more, on average!

Rather than this increase, I urge Duke Energy to invest in clean energy, not fossil fuels. And I believe that the corporation and its shareholders are responsible for the cost of coal ash disposal. The corporation took the gamble of disposing of this toxic waste in an unsafe way, and the company and its investors should not profit from this choice, by having a public bail out.

It's time for corporations to behave more in the interest of citizens, and as a public utility, Duke should be managed for the public, not for shareholder profit.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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