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**From:** Thomas Kevin <fooldogg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:07 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Docket No. E-2, SUB 1219

Dear North Carolina Utilities Commission,

I am submitting comments in regards to the current Duke Energy rate cases and asking you to reject the hike.

Duke energy's premise and motivations for its current rate increase request are untrue and unjust to the millions of North Carolina utility users whom you serve. Duke energy needs to pivot in order to serve in the new paradigms of local and global energy. This company must not be rewarded for shortsighted market moves which result in base-level, standard service while ever increasing their lobbying budget, their marketing budget, their legal budget, and their means to employ unregistered agents. Reject the Duke Energy rate increase and serve North Carolina's millions of utility users not Duke Energy's current shareholders, executives, and ballooning PR department.

North Carolina citizen,  
Thomas

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**From:** Peter Brezny <peter.brezny@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:33 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Docket No. E-2, SUB 1219

Dear North Carolina Utilities Commission,

I am writing to ask that you not grant any Duke energy entity operating in North Carolina a rate increase.

Duke progress recently sent out a cost breakdown to its customers showing the breakdown of their costs. I was astonished to see, the largest cost to the corporation was not infrastructure improvements, payroll, infrastructure, the cost of fuel or even the toxic waste cleanup from their unlined coal ash ponds which is so desperately needed.

It was instead, dividends paid to shareholders of Duke energy.

In the middle of an undeniable climate crisis. You have a duty to the citizens of North Carolina to deny all rate increases until the largest expenditure on Duke Progress/Duke energy Carolina's balance sheet is the conversion to renewable energy, followed only by the cost to cleanup the toxic waste they are poisoning the citizens of NC with at present.

8% renewable by 2034 is a slap in the face of science and humanity. 100% renewable energy by 2030 is needed for us to avoid the worst case climate change scenario.

Duke Progress is actively discouraging the renewable power industry in North Carolina, an industry that will create thousands more jobs than the dirty fossil fuel power plants we currently rely on. This is a disgrace.

Due to Duke's monopoly in power production in my region (28801) and the state law restricting me, a farmer (of both vegetables and the sun) from selling the power we produce from our small PV array to any one but Duke, we are experiencing exactly how dangerous the power of a corporate monopoly focused only on profits can be.

I am now required to PAY Duke Progress for the power I sell to them!

You read that correctly. This is an unjust and absurd situation. Since Duke Progress' monopoly on power distribution in our region began, they have reduced the rate they pay small power producers for energy, and at the same time, they have INCREASED DRAMATICALLY, without justification, the FEES associated with a sell-all power contract to the point that we have to pay them to produce power!

Our 20kwh array produces nearly 1 MWh of clean, green power each month, and they send me a bill for producing the clean energy they then re-sell for a profit!

How can you, in good conscience allow this miscarriage of justice to continue?

Force Duke Progress and Duke Energy Carolinas to pay competitive rates to micro power producers with NO FEES. Mandate immediate cleanup of all coal ash. Mandate 100% renewable energy by 2030.

If we can put a man on the moon in a decade, we can surely have clean renewable energy in the same amount of time!

Thank you for your consideration.

Peter Brezny  
Duke Progress ratepayer in Asheville NC

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Teresa Sandlin  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:22 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Target

Mar 25, 2020

NC Utilities Commission

Dear Utilities Commission,

When it comes to our electricity, I want to pay for the actual energy I use without unfair shifts in cost being proposed by Duke which would hike our rates.

Rate hike requests by Duke Energy Progress would not only force us to pay for the company's coal ash cleanup, but includes a grid improvement plan that is excessive: \$8.7 billion over ten years. Since the company earns a return on its infrastructure spending, "gold plating" grid improvements with unnecessary items makes our rates unaffordable.

That is why your oversight of the company's spending plan is essential.  
I agree with interveners who suggest this spending be dealt with elsewhere.

Additionally, the company's monthly customer charge is too high (\$14 a month before we even turn on a light). I agree with other parties it should be rolled back to \$11.15 a month.

I understand the company also has an obligation to its shareholders, but the return on equity the company is seeking is too high and could cost residential payers billions in unnecessary costs.

I hope you recognize consumer's interests and support the Public Staff's and other interveners' recommendations to trim the rate hike requests and to lower the return on equity to the 9.3% percent.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Teresa Sandlin  
9520 Walter Myatt Road  
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526  
(919) 557-2213  
tsandlin1007@gmail.com

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**From:** Lisa-Gaye Hall <lghall.email@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:07 AM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Docket No. E-2, SUB 1219

North Carolina Utilities commission -

Please...do not allow rate hikes for dirty coal energy! We are in a climate crisis, and we should not be funding coal plants. Also, we should not have to pay for coal ash cleanups. Those were brought on by bad decision making at Duke. We need clean energy, and we need it now.

Lisa-Gaye Hall  
44 Harnett Street  
Asheville NC 28806

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**From:** Friederich Limbach <friederich.limbach@googlemail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:08 AM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Duke Energy - Carolinas Application to Raise Electric rates

Dear Utilities Commission,

I am a rate payer from Cary, NC and I do not like the request for rate hikes Duke Energy is putting forward.

My rates would be going up and fund Duke's plans to further rely on fossil fuel generated energy. Frankly, I would be willing to spend more money on electricity, if it were connected to a clear plan to fund the build out of renewable energy infrastructure and a ramp down of fossil fuel power generation.

Being a renter my family and I are unfortunately not in the position to take matters into our own hands and move to solar panels. Hence my strong rejection of a rate increase that cost me more money, furthers climate change and includes no clear measures to mandate a radical shift in behavior from Duke Energy.

Best regards,

Dr. Friederich Limbach  
703 Crimson Sage Lane  
27519 Cary, NC

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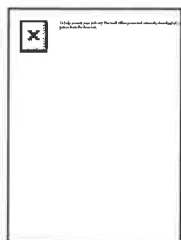
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**From:** John Riley <john.riley@thejohnrileygroup.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:54 AM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Docket No E-2, SUB 1219

Hello,

Please deny Duke Energy's requested rate increase. We're in a climate crisis and we need to implore our utility to end its reliance on fossil fuels and convert to renewable sources, which have proven to be a less expensive alternative.

Thank-you



John Riley

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john.riley@thejohnrileygroup.com  
thejohnrileygroup.com



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**From:** Barbara Stenross <stenross@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2020 8:49 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Docket No. E-2, SUB 1219

Hello,

I am a customer of Duke Energy Progress. I am opposed to a rate hike because it is undeserved. Duke created the problem of coal ash sites and now wants customers to pay for the problem. Duke and its investors should pay for this. Why are they and the companies administrators making money at the expense of the people and their well-being. Customers work hard to pay their Duke Energy bills. Duke Energy should work hard at cleaning up their own mess and not passing along the costs.

Sincerely,  
Barb Stenross



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**From:** mousquetaire@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:59 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Docket No. E-2, SUB 1219

Hi,

I would like to express my opinion on the continuous electricity rate increase which I see as the highest among the states that I have lived in. I never understood the 3 times the average of other places I have lived.

We need more competition in energy providers just like in some other states where one can choose and get a fixed rate provider.

We also need cleaner energy as we have a responsibility to protect and preserve the environment that we live in.

Thanks.

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**From:** Stephen Daniels <hotfire53@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:23 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** E-2 SUB 1219

No rate hike to Duke Progress!

Duke Progress should not be able to use Dirty money for a rate hike.

They should have to pay for the Coal Ash that they have to clean up. They knew when they dumped it that it was a problem .

Duke Progress should build a more resilient Grid for the future, at their expense.

Just look at the Bonuses that are paid to executives and stock payouts . These bonuses are paid for all profit they make the company.

They are not in any kind of financial need!

No Rate Hike for Duke Progress!

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**From:** Cynthia Gallion <cynrg77@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:16 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Duke Rate Hikes

To: NC Utilities Commission  
Re: No rate hikes

Duke Energy should clean up their own mess. No rate hikes for coal ash & dirty energy!

Duke needs to work with communities to build a resilient grid for the 21st Century - NOW!

Thank you,

Cynthia Gallion  
Raleigh, NC 27610

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**From:** Arionna Stanley <aars20@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:15 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Docket No. E-2, SUB 1219

Duke has hiked my price up double since they took over from progress. They also made the website difficult to navigate and disconnected me despite having submitted a payment online. I am sick of it

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Ms. Arionna Stanley m: 919-924-2456 e: [aars20@gmail.com](mailto:aars20@gmail.com) Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less. - Rick Warren

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**From:** jill castelli <jill.castelli@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:26 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Proposed Duke rate hike;docket number E-2Sub 1219

I am a resident of Buncombe county. I am opposed to rate hikes from Duke Energy until they establish a plan to shut down their coal plants, clean up the coal ash, and refocus on creating renewable sources of energy, instead of investing in natural gas. Global warming is real. Thank you.

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**From:** Breccia Leigh <breccialeigh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 2:36 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Docket Number E-2 Sub 1219

Hello

- No rate hikes for dirty energy!! Duke Energy should be investing in renewable energy, not natural gas. Seriously, listen up NOW.
- **No rate hikes for coal ash. Make them clean** up their own DAMN mess.
- **No Rate Hikes until Duke has a plan to: Shut down all coal powered plants, stop building more natural gas plants, and transition to renewable energy. GET WITH THE TIMES DUKE.**

Thanks for listening  
Breccia C  
Asheville, NC

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**From:** Will Kaylor <willkaylor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 9:28 AM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Duke's rate hike is preposterous

I would be happy to pay 15% more/kilowatt if Duke were going to advance its operations toward a cleaner healthier future. But it seems that's not the plan. Duke and its shareholders (I understand that I probably am one) invested in dangerous technology and thereby badly damaged public resources. They knew it and didn't do anything about it until so much concentrated toxic waste ruptured an under-engineered levy and badly poisoned many miles of a public waterway.

The cost of remediation and future prevention should be born by the owners, not the unwitting consumers. Duke has amassed plenty of cash to handle this mess, without further burdening the public.

When Duke is ready to invest in cleaner energy (no, not fracked gas), then will be the reasonable time to ask for a rate hike.

Thank you for your attention,

David William Kaylor  
71 Lakewood Dr.  
Asheville, NC 28803

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**From:** Daren Callahan <darencallahan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2020 11:45 AM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Docket Number E-2 Sub 1219

I am adamantly opposed to a Duke rate hike. They must be responsible for the costs of cleaning up coal ash messes. Do not foist the cost onto customers! There should be no rate hikes at all until Duke has a plan to shut down all coal powered plants and transition to renewable energy.

Daren Callahan



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**From:** Amanda Rodriguez <arodriguez@dogwoodalliance.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2020 9:12 AM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Docket Number E-2 Sub 1219

Dear NC Utilities Commissioners,

I'm writing to oppose Duke Energy's proposed rate hike. Duke Energy should be investing in renewable energy, not natural gas. 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 a few more dollars in profit. They should bear the cost of cleaning up their own mess. Until Duke Energy has a plan to shut down all coal powered plants, stop building more natural gas plants, and transition to renewable energy, residents should not be forced to pay increased rates.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Amanda Rodriguez



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**From:** Carla Schmidt <ohkalima270@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2020 8:34 AM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Docket number E-2Sub2019

No way will we pay for your dirty energy! Shut down your coal ,no more natural gas plants, move to renewable energy!

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of David Schultz  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:24 AM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Target Letter Subject Line Goes Here

Mar 17, 2020

NC Utilities Commission

Dear Utilities Commission,

When it comes to our electricity, I want to pay for the actual energy I use without unfair shifts in cost being proposed by Duke which would hike our rates.

Rate hike requests by Duke Energy Progress would not only force us to pay for the company's coal ash cleanup, but includes a grid improvement plan that is excessive: \$8.7 billion over ten years. Since the company earns a return on its infrastructure spending, "gold plating" grid improvements with unnecessary items makes our rates unaffordable.

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Sincerely,

Mr. David Schultz  
3216 Red Berry Drive  
wilmington, NC 28409  
(910) 352-4600  
ctrsdavid@gmail.com

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of JC Cagle  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2020 11:52 AM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** NO rate hike for Duke

Mar 16, 2020

NC Utilities Commission

Dear Utilities Commission,

\*\*\*Last year I "went over" my monthly bill by \$8 for the entire year, so Duke raised my rate \$21 per month. I can't believe my "usage" amount because NO MATTER how much I use or don't use they show the same usage. . .

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Sincerely,

Ms. JC Cagle  
799 Glenn Bridge Road  
aka 19 Old Bishop Farm Rd  
Arden, NC 28704  
(828) 303-2065  
codcjc@yahoo.com

**From:** Anne Craig  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2020 9:55 AM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Anne Craig

## **Statement of Position Submitted**

### **Name**

Anne Craig

### **Email**

ennagiarc@gmail.com

### **Docket**

E-2 Sub 1219.

### **Message**

Just as we are in a corona virus emergency we are in a climate emergency. Both emergencies can be mitigated only by new ways of thinking that translate into new policies that promote the welfare and well being of all. Duke's proposed rate hike to continue its fossil fuel extraction and clean up of the coal ash messes it created must be rejected by you. Duke, as a monopoly, needs to be broken up and our commission must not accept any plan by Duke that continues to minimize a transition to conservation, efficiency and clean energy production in favor of continued production of dirty energy. Our climate and our health depend on your leadership. Reject the rate hike. Thank you!

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**From:** Kenneth Durkee  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 14, 2020 3:15 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Kenneth Durkee

## Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Kenneth Durkee

### Email

nkquilts@embarqmail.com

### Docket

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### Message

I disagree with the rate increase. Most all of the reasons for the increase per Duke are normal business expense that should have been planned for in advance. Advanced metering will decrease their costs by reducing labor costs. They ignored for years the well known fact that coal ash contains hazardous metals and should have been using lined disposal in ponds, fixating the ash, and used deep well monitors to monitor for any pond leakage, with corrective measures if such leakage occurred. Retiring and replacing generating plants is part of corporate planning and such costs should come from profits. The customers should not fund costs that should have been considered, planned for, and budgeted for over the years as most companies do. Don't they insure for their as other business's and consumers do for our properties? If not why not? Let Duke, their officers, and their stockholders bear these costs since they have taken the profits over years and benefited from charging the consumers. Other coop electric companies actually refund to their customers at year end and do not ask for customers to eat these costs.

**From:** Tom Atkinson  
**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2020 4:49 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Tom Atkinson

## **Statement of Position Submitted**

### **Name**

Tom Atkinson

### **Email**

teacha@charter.net

### **Docket**

Unknown

### **Message**

Duke Energy has run over the customers in Western NC with rate increases for every thing they can think of. Now they want an increase because they built a new plant at Asheville. While this is good for everyone it is unfair that they continue to raise our rates that exceed the rate of income increases retirees have coming in. Something has to be done to contain this, retired individuals cannot have their pockets emptied over and over, we have to eat and live as well as those still working. Please do something about this!

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**From:** Drooz, David T <david.drooz@psncuc.nc.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2020 3:36 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Items to be Submitted (as Evidence), re: Duke Rate Hike Hearing, 3/12/20

A Duke Energy Progress customer named David Saulsbury would like to submit the comments and references below in the Duke Energy Progress rate case, Docket No. E-2, Sub 1219.

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**From:** david s <secondaryfreak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 9:45 PM  
**To:** Drooz, David T <david.drooz@psncuc.nc.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] Items to be Submitted (as Evidence), re: Duke Rate Hike Hearing, 3/12/20

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Good evening Mr. Drooz,

My name is David Saulsbury, 190 Elk Mountain Road, Woodfin, NC, 28804. I am a Duke Energy Progress ratepayer. I spoke earlier today the Duke Rate Hike hearing in Asheville, NC.

Thank you for representing the public in the Duke Rate hike hearings.

Apologies for not referring to the specific case number in my subject or this email. Please be in touch with me if it would be helpful if I provided additional information about any of the three (3) items below.

**Item #1:** IPCC's 2018 Special Report: Global Warming of 1.5 degrees C, summary for policy makers:  
<https://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/chapter/spm/> [ipcc.ch].

**Item # 2:** A document of talking points, specific to the rate hike hearings in the Asheville area:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HRU2nAOcHgSoYdG9-Y67TrWnvr01dLeSKWKzy6UtUk4/edit?usp=sharing> [docs.google.com]

**Item # 3:** A link to the "How it Works" section of the Arcadia energy webpage, for the benefit of the commission's understanding of the relationship between Arcadia, Duke, and ratepayers:  
<https://www.arcadia.com/how-it-works/> [arcadia.com]. (Essentially, Arcadia is a third-party intermediary enabling rate-payers to purchase REC's from wind farms in the pacific Northwest--NOT A SERVICE PROVIDED BY DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS).

Thank you again for your time,

David Saulsbury



**From:** Kelsey Wood  
**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2020 1:46 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Kelsey Wood

## **Statement of Position Submitted**

### **Name**

Kelsey Wood

### **Email**

kelseywood@gmail.com

### **Docket**

E-2 sub 1219

### **Message**

I am writing to express my views on the current request by Duke Energy Progress to increase consumer rates for the purpose of funding coal ash cleanup, retiring coal plants, building new natural gas plants, upgrading the grid, and burying transmission lines to protect against future storm damage. It is not lost on me that this rate hike will increase Duke's profits and I am not all convinced by Jason Walls' statement that increasing investor returns now will insure low rates in the future. To be clear, am not opposed to paying more for the resources I use and I am privileged to be able to do so. Many others are not so fortunate. But, I want to pay for a transition to a truly renewable and clean energy future and I don't believe that Duke's current renewable energy plan gets us there. I am suspicious of natural gas as a "transition fuel" and do not wish to contribute to the devastation wrought by fracking, the clean up of which will undoubtedly fall to future consumers as we are presently being asked to pay for the coal ash mess. I would reluctantly be willing to pay for coal ash clean up because it needs to be done to protect fellow human beings... but it is abominable that Duke executives and investors should expect to increase private profits while holding out the collection plate. I would also be willing to pay for grid upgrades that will enable the use of distributed energy sources and an expansion of solar and wind energy generation. If smart grid technology and resilient microgrids are the way of the future--and I believe they should be--then perhaps burying utility lines is short-sighted and not a wise investment. Because Duke is a monopoly in my area and because Duke burns coal, I purchase carbon offsets for 100% of my electricity use. This amounts to a tax of about 15%--roughly the amount of the rate hike Duke is requesting--that I voluntarily pay because it is the right thing to do. If I felt Duke's rate hike request was the right thing for my family, my community, and our common future, I wouldn't be writing to you today. I don't purport to be an expert, but these are my concerns as a community organizer and mother of two children. On behalf of all children, I am asking the Utilities Commision to urge Duke to act with greater urgency to curb carbon emissions and switch us to renewable energy sources.

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**From:** Madeline Wadley  
**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2020 10:52 AM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Madeline Wadley

### **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### **Name**

Madeline Wadley

#### **Email**

madeline.wadley@gmail.com

#### **Docket**

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#### **Message**

As a Duke Energy customer, I am VERY against their proposed rate hike. Please reschedule the hearing regarding this docket.

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Marc Vaillancourt  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2020 9:43 AM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Raise Your Voice Before They Raise Your Rate

Mar 13, 2020

NC Public Utilities Commissioners

Dear NC Public Utilities Commissioners,

When it comes to the health and well-being of older North Carolinians, affordable electricity is vital. As the state prepares to meet future energy demands, it must also be ready to handle the needs of its rapidly aging population.

In just a few short years, more North Carolinians will be age 60 and over than those under the age of 18. For 36 percent of adults age 65 plus, Social Security is the only source of income in retirement and it averages less than \$1,300 a month.\*

When it comes to balancing rent, health care and prescription drug costs, groceries, gasoline and other basic living needs, every penny and every dollar counts.

Please consider the needs of older North Carolinians and those on fixed-incomes when determining whether the company's plans for spending and earning are fair and reasonable.

I urge you to reject this rate increase request!

\*AARP Public Policy Institute, Social Security State Fact Sheets 2014

Sincerely,

Mr. Marc Vaillancourt  
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Dover, NH 03820-4513  
(603) 842-4209  
marcv2364@gmail.com

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of shirley brown  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 7:41 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Target Letter Subject Line Goes Here

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NC Utilities Commission

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Sincerely,

Mrs. shirley brown  
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(828) 221-2412  
shirleybrown123shirledybrown123@outlook.com

**From:** NANCY L LOWE  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 7:41 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by NANCY L LOWE

## **Statement of Position Submitted**

### **Name**

NANCY L LOWE

### **Email**

sciencecandance@gmail.com

### **Docket**

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### **Message**

I am a Duke Energy Progress customer in Bakersville, NC. I am opposed to this outrageous rate hike, making us pay for Duke's coal ash pollution in our rivers. More importantly, I believe it is urgent that Duke Energy invest immediately in renewable energy. Do what we need to do to get the grid ready for solar and wind, do the research and development, invest in a clean future. We must transition off fossil fuels now. We are already so late with this work -- we can't wait any longer. If our children and grandchildren are to have a livable planet and avoid a climate rise about 2C, we must act now. Invest in renewable energy research, development, and implementation with all deliberate speed.

## **Campbell, Kimberley**

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**From:** Sarah Fields  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 6:48 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Sarah Fields

### **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### **Name**

Sarah Fields

#### **Email**

mzfields801@gmail.com

#### **Docket**

S-e 2719

#### **Message**

We don't want the hike trail. Plz reshede the meeting

## **Campbell, Kimberley**

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**From:** Kim Allen  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 5:41 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Kim Allen

### **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### **Name**

Kim Allen

#### **Email**

kimbrewerallen@gmail.com

#### **Docket**

e-2 sub 1219

#### **Message**

I am against the Duke Energy rate hike, and I would like the public hearing that was supposed to take place in Asheville tonight rescheduled until after the Coronavirus threat has calmed down. Thank you!

## **Campbell, Kimberley**

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**From:** Jenny S Wilker  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 5:39 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Jenny S Wilker

### **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### **Name**

Jenny S Wilker

#### **Email**

jswilker@charter.net

#### **Docket**

E-2 Sub 1219.

#### **Message**

I strongly oppose your request for another rate hike. Not only will this potential increase cause further hardships on those who already cannot afford your relentlessly increasing rates. But you are using it to clean after your own mistakes. Your customers should not be responsible for the poor risks you have taken. Nor should they pay for the development of more fracked gas. You have an outrageous monopoly over us. I have lived in many other states. This is the only place where there is no available electricity except that provided by you. Unless you go off the grid entirely.



## Campbell, Kimberley

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of David Veglahn  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 5:11 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Target Letter Subject Line Goes Here

Mar 12, 2020

NC Utilities Commission

Dear Utilities Commission,

When it comes to our electricity, I want to pay for the actual energy I use without unfair shifts in cost being proposed by Duke which would hike our rates.

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Sincerely,

Mr. David Veglahn  
143 Churchill Downs Drive  
Fairview, NC 28730  
(909) 800-3736  
djveglahn@sbcglobal.net

## **Campbell, Kimberley**

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**From:** Veronica Crane-Lindsey  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 5:06 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Veronica Crane-Lindsey

### **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### **Name**

Veronica Crane-Lindsey

#### **Email**

veronica.lindsey@att.net

#### **Docket**

e-2 sub 1219

#### **Message**

I oppose a rate hike by Duke Energy. I cannot attend the UC meeting in Asheville on 3/12/ but want to share my opposition and make my position known. Duke Energy has for a very long time spent time and money fighting against taking actions it should have to ensure safer storage for its coal ash across the state. The company has not acted in the best interests of its consumers, stakeholders, neighbors, or the environment, willfully ignoring threats that have led to disaster in some communities - all the while raking in hefty profits. It is time for Duke to take responsibility for its messes and stop asking consumers to foot the bill. WNC consumers want renewable energy choices and should not have to pay more due to Duke's lack of progress in containing and mitigating waste.

## **Campbell, Kimberley**

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**From:** Hanna Peterman  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 4:28 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Hanna Peterman

### **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### **Name**

Hanna Peterman

#### **Email**

hpeterman423@gmail.com

#### **Docket**

E-2 Sub 1219

#### **Message**

Duke Energy cannot raise our rates to pay for a mess they made. This rate hike is completely absurd and unjust, and it's time for Duke to take ownership of the social and environmental injustice they are causing.

## **Campbell, Kimberley**

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**From:** Amanda Seta  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 4:19 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Amanda Seta

### **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### **Name**

Amanda Seta

#### **Email**

seta.amanda@gmail.com

#### **Docket**

# e-2 sub 1219

#### **Message**

I am deeply dismayed that the hearing is still happening today in Asheville. We are in a state of emergency, and we are supposed to be avoiding large crowds, yet the ncuc hearing is still happening at the risk of public health! Not only that, but many people are choosing to stay home and practicing social distancing, which is what the government recommends. This means that many people's voices won't get a chance to be heard on a very important issue. Shame on you all for this potentially dangerous decision.

## **Campbell, Kimberley**

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**From:** Katrina Griffin  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 4:09 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Katrina Griffin

### **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### **Name**

Katrina Griffin

#### **Email**

katrina@democracy-nc.org

#### **Docket**

N/A

#### **Message**

The Duke Energy Meeting should be rescheduled!

**Campbell, Kimberley**

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**From:** Ursula Murphy  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 3:59 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Ursula Murphy

**Statement of Position Submitted****Name**

Ursula Murphy

**Email**

ursulam@gmail.com

**Docket**

E-2 Sub 1219

**Message**

Please reschedule today's rate hike hearing in Asheville due to health risks. If it goes on, I ask please do not permit Duke to increase our rates to clean up their damage to the environment.

## **Campbell, Kimberley**

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**From:** Nick  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 3:40 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Nick

### **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### **Name**

Nick

#### **Email**

GARRISONTROMBONE@GMAIL.COM

#### **Docket**

e-2 sub 1219

#### **Message**

Please postpone this hearing today in Asheville, NC, while the county is under a state of emergency. I'm fully opposed to the potential rate hike.

## **Campbell, Kimberley**

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**From:** Suzannah Park  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 3:40 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Suzannah Park

### **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### **Name**

Suzannah Park

#### **Email**

zannahpark@gmail.com

#### **Docket**

e-2 sub 1219

#### **Message**

Please postpone the hearing today here in Asheville since we are in county-wide state of emergency. I am 100% opposed to the proposed rate hike.



**From:** Dan Quayle  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 3:24 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Dan Quayle

## Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Dan Quayle

### Email

theotherdanquayle@gmail.com

### Docket

E-2 Sub 1219

### Message

1) Please cancel and reschedule this hearing until after we get coronavirus stuff figured out. 2) I would like to go and speak, but living with someone who's immunocompromised it's not an option at this juncture. I want to speak out strongly against the rate hike anyway: Why are we subsidizing Duke's profits? They profited up to \$4 billion in 2019, their service is crappy, and they're investing in the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, which is a climate disaster waiting to happen. I'm 36. I want to have an environment I can live in when I'm 76, and Duke is making this not possible. Their continual investment into fossil fuels is bad for the long term health of North Carolinians, and we should absolutely not prioritize the short term at the expense of the long term here, and the children of our state. This ties in directly with the rate hike. Duke is continuing to look for cheaper ways to generate electricity, and the people of North Carolina are going to suffer. Yes, Duke says they're looking to go Net Zero Emission by 2050, but how is it that we're going to be spending a boatload on a pipeline that goes over Native American land? How is investing in a natural gas pipeline that has a much longer than 10 year lifespan going to get us closer to 50% in 10 years? DUKE IS NOT DOING THEIR PART! WE CAN NOT AND SHOULD NOT REWARD THIS BEHAVIOR! Why are we paying a company \$2 billion dollars in a monopoly over the cost of goods? Each person living in in NC pays roughly \$150/year to go out of the community and into shareholders pockets. It's irresponsible for us to continue to reward this bait and switch that's going to severely negatively affect the lives of not only me, but my community, my family, and the world. Again: do not approve the rate hike, and look forward to making my complaint to the regulators in person. Dan Quayle Buncombe County

**From:** Beatrice Nathan  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 2:32 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Beatrice Nathan

## **Statement of Position Submitted**

### **Name**

Beatrice Nathan

### **Email**

Beatricenathan@gmail.com

### **Docket**

E-2 sub1219

### **Message**

The hearing scheduled for Asheville today should be cancelled due to the new virus. Attendance will not reflect the communities true concern on this issue. There should be a new online way for people to send in video comments or a more streamlined online commenting process and the hearing should be rescheduled for the summer when the virus will hopefully be less of a concern. Many people are concerned about spreading it to older attendees and are not planning on going. PLEASE cancel and reschedule. Thank you, Beatrice Nathan

## **Campbell, Kimberley**

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**From:** ernest boyd <ernestwboyd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 1:31 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Duke rate increases

I am writing to encourage you to stick up for energy consumers in your evaluation of Duke's rate requests.

We should not be paying for Duke to clean up the messes it has created over the decades.

We should not be paying for Duke's build-out of new dirty energy capacity, especially the Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

We should not be paying for Duke to advertise how wonderful it is--on the radio, on TV, and via the internet.

We should not be paying for Duke to bribe government officials and elected officials.

Energy users--which is to say, all of us--should be able to purchase clean energy. Until Duke can provide that, we should be free to buy our clean energy from other producers.

Your mission is not protection of Duke shareholders. Start behaving that way.

Ernest Boyd  
Asheville, NC

**From:** Sophie Mullinax  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 9:48 AM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Sophie Mullinax

## Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Sophie Mullinax

### Email

sophie.mullinax@gmail.com

### Docket

Docket E-2, Sub 1219

### Message

Dear NC Utilities Commission, Please consider canceling tonight's hearing due to Coronavirus. Gathering indoors in large numbers is the worst thing we can do right now. The virus has a 14-day incubation period where symptoms may not be present. There is a good chance people won't know they have it until it's too late and they've been in public spreading the virus. Why chance it? Please postpone. Sincerely, Sophie Mullinax

## **Campbell, Kimberley**

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**From:** Beatrice Nathan  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 8:38 AM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Beatrice Nathan

### **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### **Name**

Beatrice Nathan

#### **Email**

Beatricenathan@gmail.com

#### **Docket**

E-2 sub1219

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## Campbell, Kimberley

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Mary Lynch  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020 5:39 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** As Long as Duke Energy CEO Lynn Good makes \$13,794,367

Mar 11, 2020

NC Utilities Commission

Dear Utilities Commission,

and the other four executive staff receive a total of \$12,403,215 there is clearly no need for a rate hike as these salaries prove that Duke Energy Progress is doing so well. The company's decision to increase profits on the backs of the health and well being of their customers is unethical and poor business practice.

These rate hike requests by Duke Energy Progress are really away to make their customers pay for their bad management. They should not be rewarded for their poor management decisions. In the free enterprise system companies are supposed to invest to improve their product in the belief that a better product will attract more customers and an increased appreciation in the service provided being rewarded. An increase in energy pricing would be not out of line. The company earns a return on its infrastructure spending, "gold plating" grid improvements with unnecessary items does not add appreciably to our service while making our rates un-affordable.

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I agree with interveners who suggest this spending be dealt with elsewhere.

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Docket Number: E-2 Sub 1219

Sincerely,

Ms. Mary Lynch  
10412 Fairbrook Terrace  
Raleigh, NC 27617  
(919) 237-3524  
mficaly@yahoo.com

## **Campbell, Kimberley**

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**From:** S.Renee Brown  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020 4:14 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by S. Renee Brown

### **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### **Name**

S. Renee Brown

#### **Email**

Brown.SR52@Gmail.com

#### **Docket**

E-2Sub1219CS

#### **Message**

My name is S. Renee Brown I am a resident in North Carolina. I am writing to express my concerns pertaining to Docket No. E-2Sub1219CS. I understand Duke Energy Progress submitted a price increase that will impact residents in North Carolina. I am confounded why Duke Energy Progress would make a demand that potentially could be a burden to some residents in North Carolina who are low-income and on a fixed budget. Duke Energy Progress is generating enough revenue due to new and growing businesses and communities throughout North Carolina. Duke Energy Progress has a monopoly on electrical services because there are no other electrical companies in the state, to my knowledge, offering the same services. I understand Duke Energy Progress outlined different reasons for their request; however, a company as large as Duke, who receives tax incentives; should not request rate increases for North Carolina consumers. To be truthful, consumers are engaging in sustainable, environmental friendly ways to minimize use of power in their homes and businesses; therefore, instead of Duke Energy Progress requesting a price hike, they should continue rewarding customers with lowered monthly bills. Not seeking to penalize customers, specifically, individuals who are on a fixed income, who cannot afford a price increase. This company should prepare for changing and innovative technology and forecasted how these variations would impact their revenue instead of wanting to place an undue financial burden on customers. I admit some reasons outlined by Duke Energy Progress are commendable; however, it appears representatives for this company are not considering the overall impact of this requested price increase on low income people despite how minimal it may appear. Therefore, I strongly suggest this proposal be rejected. Thank you for your consideration. Respectfully, S. Renee Brown

**Campbell, Kimberley**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Belinda Dye  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020 2:09 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Target Letter Subject Line Goes Here

Mar 11, 2020

NC Utilities Commission

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Sincerely,

Ms. Belinda Dye  
7667 Winners Edge Street  
Raleigh, NC 27617  
(919) 493-6344  
belindadye1@gmail.com



## Campbell, Kimberley

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Raleigh, NC 27617  
(919) 493-6344  
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## Campbell, Kimberley

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**From:** Gwen Casey  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020 1:34 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Gwen Casey

## Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Gwen Casey

### Email

blythegwen@embarqmail.com

### Docket

E-2 Sub ~~1142~~ 1219 KC

### Message

I am extremely upset at the 14.3% residential rate increase Duke Energy is requesting. Yes they have experienced increased expenses for a number of reasons. However, they have experienced very nice profits over many years. I am 81 years old and am currently residing in Raleigh with my daughter due to cervical spine fusion on January 27, 2020. No one is living in my home in Lenoir County, yet my next utility bill is projected to be \$165.00. While visiting my husband in assisted living in Kinston, on 4 occasions I entered my home to shower and pick up items I needed in Raleigh. Practically no hot water usage, heat set on 67, two low voltage lights left on for security, electronics turned off, and my next bill \$165.00 when no one is living there? Something is very wrong here and I cannot afford a rate increase of any kind. Please deny the proposed increase! I think they are expecting us to pay for the coal ash mess they created. NO NO NO NO!

**From:** Gary Edmisten  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020 9:40 AM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Gary Edmisten

## Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Gary Edmisten

### Email

madarteest@carolina.rr.com

### Docket

E-2 Sub ~~1142~~ 1219 HC

### Message

In my opinion your wanting to jack up the price of electric utilities to we consumers is just another ploy to provide big bonuses and raises for the CEO and higher management while doing little or nothing to provide better service at affordable prices to consumers. The news media says that the raise in price is for ash cleanup and upgrading your infrastructure at power plants and etc. Of course everyone knows how that goes because it's always the same old tune and nothing gets done. The mismanagement exhibited with your ash disposal crisis should not be the consumers' responsibility. My thought is that the CEO and higher management should be forced to take pay cuts or complete dismissals from their jobs until better handling of your infrastructure and other costly matters is resolved. Power companies are just like insurance companies in that basically everything you do to bleed more money out of consumers is just legal highway robbery. And I sincerely believe that your company, and insurance companies, have people in high government positions paid off and in your back pocket. My wife and I are senior citizens and on a fixed budget/income, with medical issues, and your price hike will affect us in more ways than one. I am totally against your wanting to raise the price of electric utilities. Nuff said.

## Campbell, Kimberley

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Scott Liu  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:51 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Target Letter Subject Line Goes Here

Mar 10, 2020

NC Utilities Commission

Dear Utilities Commission,

When it comes to our electricity, I want to pay for the actual energy I use without unfair shifts in cost being proposed by Duke which would hike our rates.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Scott Liu  
629 Midnight Moon Dr.  
Wendell, NC 27591  
(914) 673-6451  
boobobrazil@hotmail.com

**From:** Jamie petani  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 8:35 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Jamie petani

## Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Jamie petani

### Email

jpetani@ec.rr.com

### Docket

E-2 Sub ~~1142~~ 1219 KC

### Message

Our house payment went up \$35.00a month because our home insurance went up \$420.00 this last year. I understand the hurricane damage. I live on the coast. We have been very fortunate to have never had a claim. I am not happy with the increase but I do understand it. Now Duke energy wants a 14% increase!? We did not get a cost of living raise yet the cost of living went up! I retired this year and I actually had a decrease in our income. What are we supposed to do?

## Campbell, Kimberley

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**From:** L Fulcher  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 4:32 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by L Fulcher

### Statement of Position Submitted

#### Name

L Fulcher

#### Email

LTFULCHER@GMAIL.COM

#### Docket

Docket No. E-2 Sub ~~1142~~ 1219 KC

#### Message

Elderly, disabled couple here trying to survive on fixed income. We are very energy conscious and use. We can not afford to pay any more than we have to now. Actually, we can not afford what we have to pay now so we stretch out groceries, limit our trips to store, make multiple doctor's appointments on same day and conserve all we can. Please do NOT raise the bill especially to cover what was a major mistake that we were not at all responsible for. PLEASE DO NOT INCREASE THE RATES.

## Campbell, Kimberley

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of B M Luicci  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 4:21 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Target Letter Subject Line Goes Here

Mar 10, 2020

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Sincerely,

Mrs. B M Luicci  
2904 Lautenberg Ln  
Willow Spring, NC 27592  
(919) 961-6152  
bmluicci@twc.com

## Campbell, Kimberley

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of G W Luicci  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 4:20 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Target Letter Subject Line Goes Here

Mar 10, 2020

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Sincerely,

Mr. G W Luicci  
2904 Lautenberg L:n  
Willow Spring, NC 27592  
(919) 961-6151  
gwluicci@twc.com



## **Campbell, Kimberley**

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**From:** Lacy Jenkins  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 3:41 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Lacy Jenkins

### **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### **Name**

Lacy Jenkins

#### **Email**

lacyj@ec.rr.com

#### **Docket**

E-2 Sub ~~1142~~ 1219 HC

#### **Message**

I am 100% opposed to Duke Energy's rate increase

## Campbell, Kimberley

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Joseph Berkel  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:50 AM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Target Letter Subject Line Goes Here

Mar 10, 2020

NC Utilities Commission

Dear Utilities Commission,

When it comes to our electricity, I want to pay for the actual energy I use without unfair shifts in cost being proposed by Duke which would hike our rates.

Rate hike requests by Duke Energy Progress would not only force us to pay for the company's coal ash cleanup, but includes a grid improvement plan that is excessive: \$8.7 billion over ten years. Since the company earns a return on its infrastructure spending, "gold plating" grid improvements with unnecessary items makes our rates unaffordable.

That is why your oversight of the company's spending plan is essential.  
I agree with interveners who suggest this spending be dealt with elsewhere.

Additionally, the company's monthly customer charge is too high (\$14 a month before we even turn on a light). I agree with other parties it should be rolled back to \$11.15 a month.

I understand the company also has an obligation to its shareholders, but the return on equity the company is seeking is too high and could cost residential payers billions in unnecessary costs.

I hope you recognize consumer's interests and support the Public Staff's and other interveners' recommendations to trim the rate hike requests and to lower the return on equity to the 9.3% percent.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Joseph Berkel  
1541 S MOORINGS DR  
WILMINGTON, NC 28405-5331  
(703) 715-0411  
berkel09@yahoo.com

## **Campbell, Kimberley**

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**From:** John Paul Belletti  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:09 AM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by John Paul Belletti

### **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### **Name**

John Paul Belletti

#### **Email**

jpb1950@gmail.com

#### **Docket**

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#### **Message**

I am against the Duke Energy rate hike. We are retired and do not get 14% increases in our retirement.

**From:** Tina cayton  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 10:50 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Tina cayton

## Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Tina cayton

### Email

rctc2@suddenlink.net

### Docket

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### Message

This proposed rate increase is way to high for the average persons income. I am a NC Carolina state retiree and have not had a cost of living wage increase in several years. Everything is rising but salaries. It will definitely be a strain on a fixed income. Why can't the rate increase be done with a small % occurring each year? This large increase will have a very negative impact on families and retirees who are Low income. Thank you for allowing me to express concern.

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**From:** Tina cayton  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 10:38 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Tina cayton

### Statement of Position Submitted

#### Name

Tina cayton

#### Email

rctc2@suddenlink.net

#### Docket

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#### Message

Rate increases

**From:** Dennis Horne  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 7:02 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Dennis Horne

## Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Dennis Horne

### Email

dhorne@ec.rr.com

### Docket

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### Message

Duke Energy requesting to raise our electrical rates is totally unacceptable! The increase would produce an additional \$589.9 million in revenues for Duke Energy. Their excuse to raise rates is to modernize systems, past hurricane restores, smart meters and compliance with EPA on the coal Ash screw up. They are totally not going to up grade much, I feel most of the money will go towards hefty raises and help them cover the cost of the coal Ash ordeal they created and want us consumers to pay for it. Duke Energy can't keep all power requirements in a wind storm, they do a horrible job of maintaining service. When we spend nine days without electricity after a hurricane, the is a Hugh problem with in the company. Please do not allow Duke Energy to raise our rates, line their pockets and force us to pay for their total screw up.

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Garry Bartels  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 5:48 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Target Letter Subject Line Goes Here

Mar 9, 2020

NC Utilities Commission

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Sincerely,

Mr. Garry Bartels  
521 S Coalport Dr  
Apex, NC 27502  
(919) 261-7230  
garry.bartels@gmail.com

**From:** Susan Gore  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 4:23 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Susan Gore

## **Statement of Position Submitted**

### **Name**

Susan Gore

### **Email**

sgore56@gmail.com

### **Docket**

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### **Message**

I understand my utility bill is going up over 15%. I am on a fixed income and can't handle this increase. Please consider all the folks that are struggling to make ends meet. Thank you, Sue Gore



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**From:** Jeanette Mintz  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 12:07 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Jeanette Mintz

### **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### **Name**

Jeanette Mintz

#### **Email**

hosamom63@gmail.com

#### **Docket**

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#### **Message**

I would like for you to reconsider the increase in energy cost to the consumer. Many of us are living on fixed incomes and cannot afford the over 15% increase that is purposed.