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Clerk's Office
N.C. Utilities Commission

Dear NCUC,

I'm writing you regarding docket number Docket E-100 Sub 147.

I must say it was disheartening to learn that Duke Energy's long-range planning focused on a continued reliance of fossil fuels, instead of shifting to more clean, homegrown sources of power like wind and solar.

Costs for clean energy are falling rapidly. Wind energy is already some of the cheapest power in the country, and solar is following close behind. Yet Duke Energy's 15-year plan assumes we add no wind power, and predicts a significant slowing in the growth of solar compared to what we have experienced over the last few years.

This plan, if approved, sets ratepayers up for failure. Rather than focusing on lowering our rates by focusing on energy efficiency and cleaner, cheaper sources of energy, Duke Energy wants to keep running expensive, dirty coal plants, and build new gas plants we don't even need.

I ask the commission to reject Duke's Integrated Resource Plans, and require Duke to submit a plan that focuses on using energy more efficiently; retiring dirty, expensive coal plants; and investing more in wind and solar power.

Sincerely,

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