From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Constance Crosby

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 5:19 AM

To: Statements

Subject: I am on disability in a highly gentrified city!

Feb 12, 2020

NC Public Utilities Commissioners

Dear NC Public Utilities Commissioners,

This leaves my only option to live in a mobile home or leave the state, which I cannot afford to do. 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.

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I urge you to reject this rate increase request!

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

Sincerely,

Mrs. Constance Crosby 942 New Leicester Hwy Lot 7 LOT 7 Asheville, NC 28806 (828) 779-1542 conniecrosby417@gmail.com

From:

AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Bob Day

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 6:05 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Raise Your Voice Before They Raise Your Rate

Feb 12, 2020

NC Public Utilities Commissioners

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Sincerely,

Mr. Bob Day 18 Wyntree Drive Asheville, NC 28803-9371 (828) 277-6612 bobdaync@earthlink.net

From:

AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Diane Perry

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 7:19 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Raise Your Voice Before They Raise Your Rate

Feb 12, 2020

NC Public Utilities Commissioners

Dear NC Public Utilities Commissioners.

Dear NC Utilities Commission,

I very rarely write to voice my concerns in such a manner as this but in this case I feel I must. Please don't allow Duke Energy to raise our/my rates to the tothe exorbitant degree they are proposing.

My husband and I are in our mid 60's, own a small home, and live on a very low fixed income. In fact we very recently relocated to WNC from another state because of its affordability. Please don't force us to choose between healthcare/medications and paying our energy bills.

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.

On behalf of ourselves and many, many other NC residents on low or fixed incomes I urge you to reject this rate increase request!

Sincerely, **Diane Perry** 47 Goldmont Street Black Mountain, NC

Sincerely,

Mrs. Diane Perry 47 Goldmont Street. Black Mountain, NC 28711 (970) 420-2052 dianearts7@gmail.com

AARP <asipwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Randall Patton From:

<asrbacebact@action.aarp.org>

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 10:59 AM

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Feb 12, 2020

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NC Public Utilities Commissioners

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determine where I want to donate my money. Start by eliminating any donations to non-profits and political contributions. I will

I urge you to reject this rate increase request!

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

Sincerely,

moə.lismg@07nottsq 8E98-70E (8\forall 7) Flat Rock, NC 28731 216 Maple Hill Dr Mr. Randall Patton

From:

AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of CAROL LEMONS

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 11:00 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

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I urge you to reject this rate increase request!

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Sincerely,

Ms. CAROL LEMONS 14 Manetta Rd Asheville, NC 28804 (713) 204-0901 lemonscll@gmail.com

From:

AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Martha Fullington

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 11:06 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Raise Your Voice Before They Raise Your Rate

Feb 12, 2020

NC Public Utilities Commissioners

Dear NC Public Utilities Commissioners,

I am on disability retirement from after working for the State of NC.

My retirement and SS are my only sources of income. My M. S. medication is over \$2000 per month. Please do not raise your rates this much! I strive to be energy efficient and donate to help others with heating/cooling costs.

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I urge you to reject this rate increase request! Thanks. Martha Fullington 21 Forest Ridge Dr. Arden, NC. 29704

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Sincerely,

Ms. Martha Fullington 21 Forest Ridge Dr. Arden, NC 28704

From:

AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Rose Jerome

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 2:30 PM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Raise Your Voice Before They Raise Your Rate

Feb 12, 2020

NC Public Utilities Commissioners

Dear NC Public Utilities Commissioners,

We are a new family based in Black Mountain and are very invested in this community. We operate on an already tight budget. Increasing power costs forces many families to go cold and hungry. We already pay a reasonable rate. These rising costs put more pressure on all of us while many of us are not getting paid more, are not getting bonuses, are not getting raises. If anything I am paid considerably less than what my work is worth and that continues to be the norm.

Please consider the very real negative impact making power unaffordable has on families throughout NC will have and don't raise the rates.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rose Jerome 26 Clarks Crossing Way Black Mountain, NC 28711 (407) 914-1415 rwjerome@gmail.com

From:

AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of ann mundy

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 3:00 PM

То:

Statements

Subject:

I'M SEVENTY FOUR and rarely turn on my heat because it's too expensive. This month

\$180!! I cannot afford to pay for thei...

Feb 12, 2020

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I urge you to reject this rate increase request!

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Sincerely,

Dr. ann mundy 47 logan asheville, NC 28806 (828) 255-2200 anamundo@att.net

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Lena Baker

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 3:30 PM

To: Statements

Subject: Raise Your Voice Before They Raise Your Rate

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Sincerely,

Ms. Lena Baker 851 west tate street marion, NC 28752 (828) 460-6703 bakerlb28752@yahoo.com

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Lena Baker

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 3:30 PM

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Ms. Lena Baker 851 west tate street marion, NC 28752 (828) 460-6703 bakerlb28752@yahoo.com

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Stephen Weissman

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 4:36 PM

To:

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Sincerely,

Mr. Stephen Weissman 8 Oak Court Candler, NC 28715 (828) 255-5206 sweissman4@gmail.com

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From:

AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Holly Davis

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 5:00 PM

To:

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Holly Davis 101 Springhill Drive Marion, NC 28752 (828) 738-3998 hippiechick7319@yahoo.com

From:

AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Guy Burneko

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 5:31 PM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Raise Your Voice Before They Raise Your Rate

Feb 12, 2020

NC Public Utilities Commissioners

Dear NC Public Utilities Commissioners,

My partner and I are seniors, living on a small fixed retirement income. We did not move recently to Asheville to be subjected to unexpected and excessive rate heights.

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Sincerely,

Dr. Guy Burneko 13 Parker Rd. Asheville, NC 28803 (828) 505-3065 syntern@gmail.com

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Sandra Pyeatt

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 6:49 AM

To: Statements

Subject: Raise Your Voice Before They Raise Your Rate

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NC Public Utilities Commissioners

Dear NC Public Utilities Commissioners,

Affordable electricity is vital to older Americans as well as working families struggling to pay their bills. Although the state must prepare to meet future energy demands, it must also be ready to handle the needs of its rapidly aging population. It also must recognize the needs of families raising children in a tough economy.

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 or low incomes when determining whether the company's plans for spending and earning are fair and reasonable.

I urge you to reject this proposed rate increase.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sándra Pyeatt 114 Cedar Lane Arden, NC 28704 (828) 674-3840 spyeatt@gmail.com

From:

AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Mary Farmer

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent:

Thursday, February 13, 2020 7:19 AM

To:

Statements

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Sincerely,

Ms. Mary Farmer 300 District Dr Apt 123 Asheville, NC 28803 (828) 712-3786 maryfarmer828@gmail.com

From:

AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of James Carson

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent:

Thursday, February 13, 2020 7:19 AM

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Sincerely,

Mr. James Carson 43 Stradwood Pl Asheville, NC 28804 (828) 329-6520 jimcarson521@gmail.com

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Lisbeth Hamilton

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 7:19 AM

To: Statements **Subject:** Raise Your Voice Before They Raise Your Rate

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Sincerely,

Ms. Lisbeth Hamilton 16 Kensington Drive Asheville, NC 28805 (828) 296-0254 Illebutterfly@yahoo.com

From:

AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Peggy Murray

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent:

Thursday, February 13, 2020 7:19 AM

To:

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Sincerely,

Ms. Peggy Murray
27 Lynwood Cir
Asheville, NC 28806
(561) 252-9160
keywestgall3@yahoo.com

From:

AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Lisa Sarasohn

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent:

Thursday, February 13, 2020 7:49 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Raising Rates--Corporate Welfare?

Feb 13, 2020

NC Public Utilities Commissioners

Dear NC Public Utilities Commissioners,

Just how much of the proposed increase in electric rates goes to reimburse Duke for polluting our water and air?

If Duke has, to this point, externalized its costs by polluting our air and water, the ratepayers should not be the ones to fund Duke's responsibility to clean up the messes it has made.

In the interests of what's true and fair, please do not ask ratepayers to pay for Duke's corporate welfare.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lisa Sarasohn PO Box 1783 Asheville, NC 28802 (828) 338-8251 sarasohn@att.net

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Kermit Brown

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent:

Thursday, February 13, 2020 8:19 AM

To:

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Sincerely,

Mr. Kermit Brown 398 Chunns Cove Rd Asheville, NC 28805 (828) 252-5117 kermitbrown@bellsouth.net

From:

AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Charles Dillingham

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent:

Thursday, February 13, 2020 8:19 AM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Charles Dillingham 9 9 STEPHENSON LANE ASHEVILLE, NC 28805 (838) 768-4319 charlesfillngham@icloud.com

From:

AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Sadie Sondgerath

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent:

Thursday, February 13, 2020 8:19 AM

To:

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Sadie Sondgerath 33 Baird St Asheville, NC 28801 (828) 280-0124 sadie.cool@gmail.com