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N.C. Utilities Commission

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E-100 Sub 157

Dear Members of the North Carolina Utilities Commission,

The undersigned members of the General Assembly from Western North Carolina respectfully request a Public Hearing on the Integrated Resource Plans (IRP's) of Duke Energy Progress, Duke Energy Carolinas, and Dominion Energy North Carolina to be held in Asheville, N.C. during March or April, 2019.

We are aware that the NC Utilities Commission has held a Public Hearing in Raleigh already in February, 2019. However, given the importance of the IRP's and the rapid transition in the energy sector, we request another public hearing in our region. As you may be aware, the City of Asheville and Buncombe County have passed 100% Renewable Energy Resolutions in 2018, committing these municipal agencies and the broader community they serve to 50% Renewable Energy by 2030 and 100% Renewable Energy by 2042. As the IRP's that Duke Energy has proposed fall significantly short of what the overwhelming scientific consensus calls for in carbon reduction to avoid catastrophic climate disruption and the consequent damage to the health, stability and integrity of our human communities. Likewise the IRP's will lay the foundation for all new electricity generation, transmission and storage for the next 15 years and the consequent rate-making process, it is imperative that the rate payers of our region have input into your deliberations.

Further, we would ask that the Commission schedule an official evidentiary hearing on the IRP's in Raleigh. Like ratepayer's input, expert testimony relative to planned capacity mix and resource options is critical in serving the public interest for current customers and future generations of North Carolinians.



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We believe we are at a critical juncture on electric utility planning and the Commission should take the time to assess with scientific rigor the risks involved in moving much too slowly to a clean, renewable energy economy. And to that end a thorough review of both our state's utility plans, risks and costs is needed.

Respectfully,

Senator Terry Van Duyn  
Representative Susan Fisher  
Representative John Ager

Representative Brian Turner  
Representative Joe Sam Queen  
Representative Ray Russell