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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to oppose the rate hike proposed by Duke Energy. The increased collection from ratepayers would represent a residential hike of 14.3%, and an overall 12.3% increase. This is not the time to approve a rate hike when so many families are struggling with their existing bills!

In addition, I am opposed to rate hikes for dirty energy. Duke Energy should be investing in renewable energy, not natural gas.

Lastly, Duke Energy defied the advice of science and experts for years while disposing of its toxic coal ash in irresponsible ways. Duke Energy is attempting to raise our electricity bills to help pay for its coal ash mess and investments in fossil fuel energy.

**Duke Energy's proposed rate increases exclude any direct investment in renewable energy or energy efficiency!**

**Please don't allow any rate hikes until Duke has a plan to shut down all coal powered plants, to stop building more natural gas plants and to transition to renewable energy.**

Thank you for your consideration,  
Katherine Martin