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## Statement of Position Submitted

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DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1170; DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1169

### Message

COMMENTS OF AARP RE: Duke Energy's Proposed GreenSource Rider Advantage Program and Rider GSA  
Green Source Advantage is a small pilot program that will allow large customers to procure renewable energy credits as an alternative to taking traditional utility service. We have reviewed the filings in this case and wanted to provide these general comments on behalf of the 1.2 million AARP members in North Carolina. Duke's proposed program rules and the various alternatives put forth by the various parties to these cases are highly technical and deserve careful scrutiny. As for promoting renewable energy, AARP is "fuel neutral". We also do not advocate for programs that are designed for non-residential customers, unless those programs impact residential customers. Our focus is on fair and affordable rates (plus reliable service) for ordinary households. Many of AARP members live on low or fixed incomes. They sometimes struggle to make ends meet and don't have additional funds to subsidize large customer special programs like this one. Rate case increases have already been approved for both Duke companies previously this year. Accordingly, we urge the Commission in its evaluation of the competing payment and program proposals to ensure that non-participating ratepayers are held harmless and that rates do not increase (either in the short run nor in the long run) as a result of this program. This is especially true given the long term nature of this program. It is our understanding that this may indeed be the main premise of Duke's reply comments as well. Non-participants should be held harmless in the pursuit of renewable energy sources by participating companies. We appreciate this opportunity to comment.  
Sincerely yours, Doug Dickerson State Director AARP North Carolina

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