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## Message

Duke is asking to raise rates by 14% plus ??? They have not proven they have the NC residents in mind - why should they be allowed to raise rates to that degree ? So they can recoup their cost of cleaning up the coal ash mess that they created when they chose to cut cost to begin with ( and make more profit ???) Why should we - the taxpaying public ( who really only have one choice for power ) be held accountable to pay such an increase so they can continue to profit rather than suffer from their own misguided actions from the past? Please understand that I know rates are required - but they made the mistake then and should be made to pay for it rather than simply raising rates...