

Conyers, Tamika

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Grace Jurkoski
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:32 PM
To: Statements
Subject: potential rate hike

Mar 5, 2020

NC Utilities Commission

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Sincerely,

Ms. Grace Jurkoski

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Alisa Hixson
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:32 PM
To: Statements
Subject: PLEASE SAY NO TO DUKE ENERGY RATE HIKES!

Mar 5, 2020

NC Utilities Commission

Dear Utilities Commission,

I am outraged and disgusted that Duke Energy is proposing to raise our electricity rates.

The proposed Rate hike requests by Duke Energy Progress would not only force us to pay for the company's coal ash cleanup, but includes a grid improvement plan that is excessive: \$8.7 billion over ten years. Since the company earns a return on its infrastructure spending, "gold plating" grid improvements with unnecessary items makes our rates unaffordable.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Alisa Hixson
155 Chatham Road
Asheville, NC 28804

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Rochelle Pascoe
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:32 PM
To: Statements
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Mrs. Rochelle Pascoe

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Gary Jung
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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Bernard Vaudrin
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Mr. Charles Drake

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Nirbhay Singh
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Dr. Nirbhay Singh

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Kathryn Walker
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Ms. Kathryn Walker

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of George Moran
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Mr. George Moran

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Mr. Ksrl DeKing

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of MITCHELL DEMSKO
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:31 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Stop The Increase

Mar 5, 2020

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Sincerely,

Mr. MITCHELL DEMSKO

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Vicki Eckman
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:31 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Duke is Already Poisoningrget Letter Subject Line Goes Here

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Marjorie Latta
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:31 PM
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Mrs. Marjorie Latta

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From: Elizabeth Acker
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:20 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Statement of Position Submitted by Elizabeth Acker

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Elizabeth Acker

Email

eacker67@gmail.com

Docket

Docket No. E-2 Sub 1142

Message

Dear NC Utilities Commission, I would like to take this opportunity to ask that you do not approve Duke Energy's purposed asking rate increase of 14.3% for residential customers on October 30. I feel like this increase is too high for the people that depend on Duke Energy for their electric needs. I currently work with families as a Care Coordinator for the Easterseals Child First program in New Bern NC and the surrounding counties. I have seen many families struggle to pay their electric bills throughout the year, especially during the colder and warmer months. Families are just starting to try to get back to normal after Hurricane Florence devastated the area less than two years ago. Please consider these issues when making your decision. Thank you for your time, Elizabeth Acker

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Joseph Lauritzen
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:03 PM
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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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I am disabled and live on Social Security. Every bill is increasing.

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Please help ensure I do not end up homeless

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Dennis Maurer
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:03 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Lower my rates

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NC Utilities Commission

Dear Utilities Commission,

The coal ash problem is something you caused and you should be responsible for assuming the cost of cleanup, so don't raise my rate because of that. Based on the information below, you should lower my rate.

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:03 PM
To: Statements
Subject: No higher rates, please.

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Sincerely,

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Conyers, Tamika

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Marc Ribaud
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:02 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Duke Energy Progress rate hike

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Joan Pedersen
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:02 PM
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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Linda Woolard
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:02 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Dear Electric Company, God has blessed you in so many ways so why not be a BLESSING to your customers in Jesus Messiah name ...

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Judith Schmidt
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Deborah Hoffman
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 8:02 PM
To: Statements
Subject: A 14% increase is unacceptable

Mar 5, 2020

NC Utilities Commission

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

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Gary Abode
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Mr. Gary Abode

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Theresa Eaton
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Steven Smith
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 8:02 PM
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Subject: No new increase on customer's Duke Energy bills

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Conyers, Tamika

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Claire Tiernan
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 8:03 PM
To: Statements
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Mar 5, 2020

NC Utilities Commission

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35 Brookstone Place
Candler, NC 28715
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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Ben Gentry
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 8:03 PM
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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Donna Etheridge
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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of kenneth stallings
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Mr. kenneth stallings

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Linda Phillips
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Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 8:32 PM
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Miss Linda Phillips

Conyers, Tamika

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Vicki Wilson
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 8:32 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Target Letter Subject Line Goes Here

Mar 5, 2020

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of James Dicke
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Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 8:32 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Unfair and unnecessary rate hikes

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Sincerely,

Dr. James Dicke

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Sharon Treadway
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 8:32 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Keep rates fair

Mar 5, 2020

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Conyers, Tamika

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Johnnie Fields
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, March 6, 2020 12:02 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Dear NC Utilities Commission:

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