From:

AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Joan Dicarlo

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent:

Thursday, March 5, 2020 7:02 PM

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Delio Pulido 1 Meadow Vista Court Asheville, NC 28803-6605

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

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AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of John DeWitt

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

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Dr. John DeWitt

From:

AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Margaret Griner

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

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Ms. Margaret Griner

Thank you for your consideration,

Ms. Janice Berger 11316 Brangus Ln Mint Hill, NC 28227 (714) 803-3192 janice\_berger@att.net

From:

AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Wayne Zeitler

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

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AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Carol Burt

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

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AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Edwin Roggenstein

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

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From:

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Sent:

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

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Ms. Gloria Adams 110 Rice Rd

From:

AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Barbara Williams

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent:

Thursday, March 5, 2020 5:34 PM

To:

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Customers should not have to pay for management's mistakes

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AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Eric Morton

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

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From:

AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Fred Bowles

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent:

Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:01 PM

To:

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From:

Bob canupp

Sent:

Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:55 PM

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Statement of Position Submitted by Bob canupp

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bsoccer@charter.net

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#### Message

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From:

AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of William Young

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent:

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To:

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AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Todd Huff

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

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AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Andrew fiore

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

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AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Claudia Kell

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent:

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

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No rate increase!

From:

AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Richard Burton

<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>

Sent:

Thursday, March 5, 2020 7:02 PM

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From:

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Sent:

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Alternatively, why don't we allow other energy companies to serve NC? Competition is good for the consumer.