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Dear Mr. Jarvis,

I have read the new rate increase docket as all Duke Energy Progress customers should. I noticed several things that I would like to understand related to the figures you included in the document. I see that a five year total customer increase resulting from the rate hike will total \$193,978,000 in base rates, or approximately 6.0%. I noticed that the standard basic customer charge for residential customers increased to \$14.00 per month, which is included in the previous statement. However, not mentioned, was that the previous amount was \$11.13, nearly a 32% increase.

My first understanding of reading the report was that Duke Energy Progress was being penalized for not handling the coal ash waste as was needed, i.e., \$232,390,000. However after rereading the statement "Duke Energy Progress to recover its coal ash basin closure costs incurred during the period of January 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017", I find that this amount was not the infraction cost but actually reimbursement. I have seen that they did pay \$102 million in fines and restitution in 2015 and they are expected to pay \$183 million a year to cover coal ash cleanups. BUT, I also have found that Duke Energy, the parent company of DEP, had net earnings for 2017 of nearly 3.2 Billion dollars.

What I do not understand is why the customers, and not the persons responsible for this, are footing the bill. I am wondering how much the executive officers actually paid out of their pocket for making the decisions that led to the coal ash problem we have today. It should be Duke's problem and Duke's problem alone, to pay for all cleanup. That includes from the CEO to the every stock holder who has cashed in on Duke NOT taking action resolving this problem as it occurred.

If you would be so kind, please help me understand.

Thanks,
Jerry I. Parker