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## To whom it may concern:

As a loyal Duke Energy customer in Western North Carolina for the last 8 years, I am writing to express my sincere opposition to the recently proposed 14% rate hike. We do not feel that it is fair, especially in light of recent worldwide and local struggles with a global pandemic, for the responsibility of plant improvements and waste disposal to fall on the citizens and customers themselves. It is a shame that the cost for this revitalization would fall to the loyal and hardworking customers, and not the board of directors or the company itself, as the responsible parties for the decisions that have directly led to the need for more cash. My family and neighbors have also voiced this opinion with our federal, state and local representatives, and I hope that you reconsider the outright passing of the buck from your company onto its customers.

Sincerely,

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