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Dear Utilities Commission,

I am writing to express my opposition to Duke Energy Progress's request to raise residential rates.

First, their request does not include investment in renewable energies or even attempts to deliver their energy more efficiently.

Second, Duke therefore is requesting a rate hike in order to pay for their own past mistakes (aka. coal ash). Let them take responsibility for not listening to the advice of experts.

Lastly, those of us who will bear the price of their rate hikes cannot afford to - especially given these uncertain times when the average man or woman (like myself) has taken a 50% pay cut with no clear end in sight.

Please let Duke Progress know that the Commission will not stand up for the company's own lack of foresight and accountability. It is time that they too get on board with making the world a better place for ALL. Only then will the Utilities Commission consider their request a rate hike.

Thank you,  
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