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Utilities Commissioners:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed Duke Energy rate increase. I make three points:

- 1) In lieu of present economic situations for all of us, it is not proper for large corporations to pass along their interests to non-stockholders at this time. I do not support Duke's investing in a particular type of energy and not considering renewable energy sources.
- 2) Duke Energy defied the advice of science and experts for years while disposing of its toxic coal ash in irresponsible and unsafe ways. Shareholders should bear the majority of the cost cleaning up their own mess. A proposed rate increase should not exclude some type of direct investment in renewable energy or energy efficiency.
- 3) The electrical grid system needs an update. It may be better to equip buildings and homes with solar+storage. Duke Energy should work with communities to build a resilient grid for the 21st Century.

Thank you for consideration.

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