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Get a clue, people. The planet does not need any more fossil fuel power plants. If you're ^{sure} not sure, just ask any 10-year-old.

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From: susan@ncaves.com
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To Whom It Concerns,

I have serious concerns about the approval process for Duke's energy expansion in Asheville. The new gas-fired plant planned needs critical review. Operations of such a plant would have significant negative impacts on the environment. Furthermore it remains to be seen whether there are local or regional natural gas reserves available to power such a plant.

I seriously hope this is not a project that is being fast-tracked without the consideration it requires-- by law.

Susan Campbell
Southern Pines, NC 28387

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From: Rose Cnudde <rose.cnudde@gmail.com> on behalf of Rose Cnudde
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NC Utilities Commission

I am writing to you, to reject Duke Energy's plan for the gas-fired plant in Asheville. Below are my reasons for consideration.

Impact on climate change (global warming by increasing greenhouse gases) impact on our environment (fracking), impact on customers (price) and last but not least the well-being of future generations, our children, grandchildren.

Duke Energy is pursuing a giant expansion of fracking gas power plants, pipelines and mergers. We only have this one earth we live on, and we should ensure its continued viability for our children, grandchildren and future generations.

We should use our natural resources carefully, without exploitation or ruining the environment (i.e. producing more carbon dioxide and methane gases). Already normal living conditions produce these gases, we should not add to it, and strive to curb any additional methane and carbon dioxide release in the atmosphere. Leading experts report that methane in the atmosphere is 100 times more effective at trapping heat than CO₂. Methane leaks in significant quantities during drilling, storage, transportation and burning of natural gas. As a result, burning natural gas for electricity is even worse for the climate than burning coal. The gas industry is trying to convince the American people, as well as federal and state agencies that fracked gas can bring us energy security and protection from climate change. Fracking should be outlawed, as it pumps poison into the earth, polluting our ground water, and is most likely responsible for increased earth quakes.

Instead we should invest into more efficient (reduced) use of energy, invest/support more renewable energies, as well as looking into alternatives to oil-based products, such as plastics, which eventually ends up in our waterways and food supply.

All of us, the citizen, the government and the industry have a duty: to reduce, re-use and re-cycle to protect our natural resources.

Therefore I would urge you to deny Duke Energy to build the gas-fired Asheville plant.

Respectfully submitted for consideration.

Rose Cnudde

Durham, NC 27705

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From: Ed Witkin <ewitkin@gmail.com>
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Hello Mr. Finley

I am a long time advocate for a rational and democratic approach to our energy choices.

Please take the time to fully examine the Duke Energy proposal for the Asheville gas plant. There are real concerns about the long term environmental impact of this type of power plant and gas pipelines that should be seriously considered before pushing ahead.

I expect my Utilities Commission to look out for the well being of all of our citizens and not merely the profit motives of large corporations.

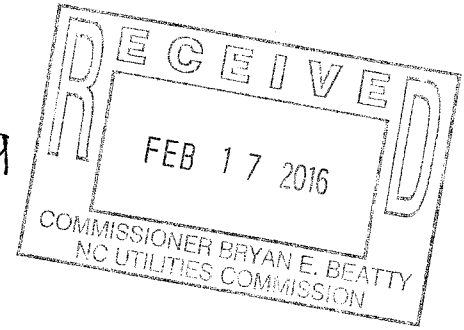
I know I am joined by the majority of citizens across this state and country who feel like it's time we have move towards a more sustainable and less profit driven energy future.

Thank you for your time and energy

Ed Witkin
NABCEP Certified PV Installation Professional Carrboro Solar Works, LLC
(919) 357-7683

Valentines Day is about LOVE
JUSTICE is love made manifest in public policy.

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So Valentines Day is also about Justice.

Your job as commissioner is to ensure environmental justice for all communities, which means putting an end to corporate greed and plunder and stopping climate change now.

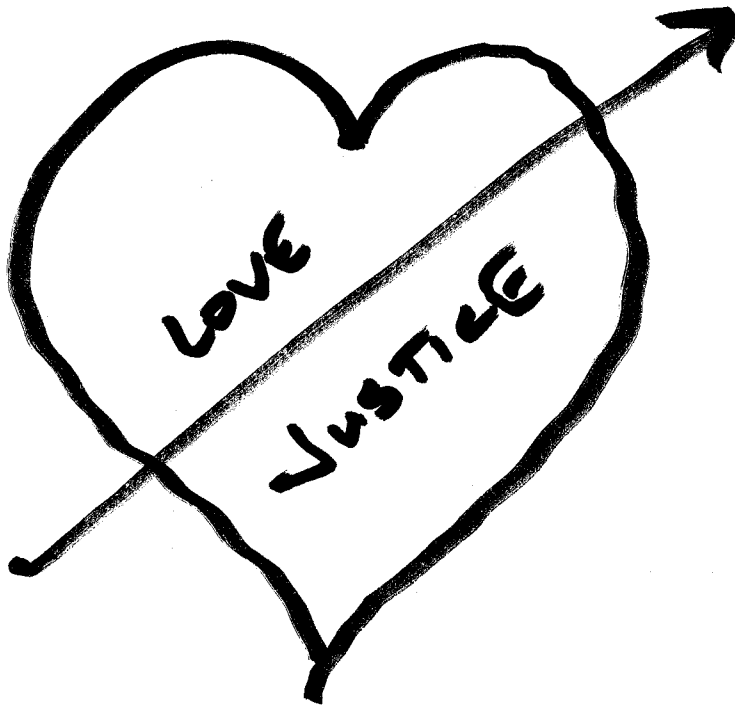
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Have a happy Valentines Day.

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N.C. Utilities Commission

**SAY NO TO FOSSIL FUELS AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE:
EMBRACE CLEAN ENERGY NOW**



**PLEASE
SAY NO
TO
DUKE'S
ENERGY
MODERNIZATION
PLAN**

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." ML King

You have an opportunity to love your neighbors, your state, the country, and the earth.

Be a Valentines HERO. Embrace environmental justice now.

From Steven Norris, Ph.D., Fairview, NC

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From: Amanda Lavallee <amlavallee@hotmail.com>
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**Clerk's Office
N.C. Utilities Commission**

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing you this afternoon to let you know I absolutely oppose Duke Power's plan to expand their Lake Julian site and add on MORE facilities to burn fossil fuels.

As a new homeowner in Asheville, one of the reasons my husband and I settled on this area after renting here for years was the apparent focus on sustainability, not only through the local food movement, but also through the alternative energy movement. Everywhere we looked were solar panels, or smart cars, and now Nissan Leafs.

The residents and the globe want to move away from burning so many fossil fuels, as is evidenced by the recent global climate deals. Please listen to us. We should be building solar plants instead of natural gas plants, striving to be on the cutting edge of technology and creating new jobs in this sector.

Thank you for your consideration,

Amanda

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From: Anne Stokely <annecallison.stokely@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 2:14 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-2 Sub 1089-I support clean energy, not over-reliance on gas

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**Clerk's Office
N.C. Utilities Commission**

Dear NC Utilities Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Duke Energy's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to build three new natural gas units in Asheville, NC.

While I believe it is good news that there's an end in sight to coal ash, sulfur dioxide, and carbon pollution from this coal-fired plant, replacing it with an over-sized gas plant is not the vision we hold for a clean energy economy here in North Carolina.

I strongly support replacing as much of the retiring plant's capacity as possible with clean, renewable energy. Duke's proposed 15 MW of solar are a great first step, but needs to be larger. The proposed 5 MW of storage is a potential game-changer, and I strongly support this forward-thinking investment.

Duke Energy needs to publicly demonstrate how it projects the future energy needs for western North Carolina. Historically, Duke has overestimated electricity demands, as compared to actual experience, and has favored building new power plants which drive profits for its shareholders.

I do not want my money wasted on an overly large, unnecessarily expensive power plant when low cost, job creating energy efficiency programs are a viable option to reduce our energy demand. Thirty percent of the energy use that goes into our buildings is wasted from air leaks, poor insulation, outdated appliances and inefficient or malfunctioning equipment. We should fix those problems before committing to such a large natural-gas-infrastructure project..

Including a third natural gas unit in the application is premature. Duke told the public that this third unit, an inefficient unit designed to run when power usage is at its highest, won't be needed until 2023 and only if the energy efficiency programs Duke has promised are unsuccessful. Duke's application should match its public statements; Duke should include concrete energy efficiency programs in its filing and revisit any future need for additional capacity at a later date. Otherwise, it is betting against the success of the new clean energy partnership it is forming with the City of Asheville and Buncombe County.

I urge the Commission to share in our vision for a clean energy future for North Carolina, and call for Duke Energy to scale back any new natural gas generation and require investments in clean energy and energy efficiency for our region.

Sincerely,

Anne Stokely

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IT IS CRITICAL TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY. The supply of fossil fuel is limited. Period.

My neighborhood (5 houses in fairly close proximity) all installed solar panels on our homes last December, and we are very happy with the results.

I would like for Duke Energy to become part of a SOLUTION...not expanding the problem.

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