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Statement of Position Re: Docket No. E-2 Sub 1089

Duke Energy's Proposed Replacement Plan for the Asheville Coal Plant

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North Carolina Utilities Commission

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Therefore, I urge the Commission to reject the current proposal that relies solely on fossil fuels and ask Duke to resubmit a plan to scale back the gas generation capacity, implement more solar capacity and commit to implement an energy efficiency program.

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Richard Kark

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NC Utilities Commission

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Commissioners ~ please use your authority request an extention the 45 day deliberation period on this request. Or, even better, reject Duke's application. This decision is too important to the people of North Carolina to 'fast track.' Please consider carefully the testimony given to you by Cathy Scott of Asheville on January 26th. Duke should not be able to have sole say and control about our energy future. Thank you for your consideration.

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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,

Jerry Nelms

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NC Utilities Commission

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.

Duke Energy is still all about the PAST.

Fossil fuels, including natural gas, are 20th century energy. This is the 21st century. Time to leave the past behind, time to think and act more intelligently, time to pay real attention to our impact on the environment that sustains us ALL.

Electric power is a necessity in this day and age. So why don't WE THE PEOPLE have more input in how that power is created? Why is Duke Energy telling us what it's going to do? Why does Duke think it's still ok to gut and pollute the earth, dirty the air we breathe and the water we drink? AND NOT CLEAN UP THE TOXIC MESSSES it makes?

I don't trust Duke Energy one bit. Duke has done and will do everything it can to mislead us, to keep low cost, safe, renewable energy from us, so Duke can keep us energy slaves.

NOW is the time to stand up to greedy, stuck in the past, arrogant corporations like Duke Energy. The people of western North Carolina deserve better than what Duke has to offer.

Sincerely,

Barbara Cerridwen

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I'm a citizen living in Candler, adjacent to Asheville, and too close to the Duke plant for comfort.

I'm pleased that a change is to occur to replace coal. I'm very, very sorry it's happening with natural gas and not with sustainable renewables. I would have liked to get to the hearing but didn't manage it. Why has this very important issue been fast-tracked? Doesn't seem fair to us.

I know it's a complex issue and that Duke is required to consider efficiency and cost. But in this region a huge number of us, I believe, would willingly pay a bit more if we knew it was enabling Duke to use solar and wind and figure out faster how to store enough to enable those sources to be used to power peak periods. Duke is a monopoly, and I'd like to feel more comfortable that both it and our regulators were moving as fast as possible in this direction. It's vital for our climate as well as our health.

So I'm opposed to Duke's request, Docket No. E-2 Sub 1089 because:

1. Surely there is no need at this point to authorize the inclusion of a third natural gas unit (192MW). Surely Duke (which has said the need for it will depend on factors currently unknown, including how well the community steps up to the need for conservation, which the new clean energy partnership with City and County is trying to enable) should be required to apply for it at the more appropriate future time and justify the need for it then.
2. I do think Duke should have to disclose the data and models it uses to determine or estimate future needs. How can we contribute to such decisions or evaluate them effectively without such knowledge?
3. The current solar and storage plans are to be welcomed, but the solar capacity should surely be much larger than 15MW if Duke is serious about using this source in the future. Surely solar should be part of the current application, and approval of the gas turbine units should be conditional on such installation.
4. Energy efficiency is vital. While the community must play its part, Duke should be required to formulate a plan and work with partners to achieve it and report periodically on it. Cost alone should mandate the importance of solar to replace gas in the future.

So I'm asking the Commission please to reject the current proposal until it incorporates renewables and plans to cut back on gas and implement an energy efficiency program.

Ann Karson,
5 Oak Court, Candler, NC 28715.
6 February, 2016.

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N.C. Utilities Commission

I am totally opposed to Duke Energy's new plan for the Asheville plant. Natural gas isn't any better than coal, but Duke doesn't care about what the community wants, just what's good for Duke's bottom line.

Part of the problem is that Duke Energy is all about the PAST. Fossil fuels are **20th** century energy sources. **This is the 21st century**, and it's time to focus on renewable, non-toxic, low cost energy. Plus, given the necessity of electric power, why don't WE THE PEOPLE have more input in how that power is created? Why is Duke Energy telling us what it's going to do? Why does Duke think it's ok to gut and pollute the earth, dirty the air we breathe and the water we drink? And not clean up the TOXIC MESSSES it makes? Duke Energy has done and will do everything it can to mislead us, keep low cost, safe, renewable energy from us, so we can stay its' energy slaves.

We have a governor who is a puppet of Duke Energy, and a predominately Republican legislature who are so stupid they actually seem to think that they and their families somehow won't be affected by toxic air and water. Unbelievable.

A greedy, stuck in the past, arrogant corporation like Duke Energy has no business being our only source of electric power. Especially when Duke has absolutely no regard for what the community wants. And what we want is RENEWABLE, SAFE, LOW COST POWER. And we want it NOW. Unfortunately, that's not what Duke is offering.

Perhaps you could do the right thing and help change that?

Barbara Cerridwen
Swannanoa NC

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N.C. Utilities Commission

We are opposed to Duke Energy's current proposal for replacing the Asheville coal plant.

1. The proposed third natural gas unit should not be approved at this time. Duke should be required to invest significant effort and funds in energy efficiency measures prior to making a decision on whether a third unit is necessary.
2. Duke should be required to greatly expand the proposed solar energy capacity, either on-site or at other locations.
3. Duke should make public its methodology and assumptions for projecting future energy demands, so that they can be reviewed independently.

Bruce & Day Ann Emory
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Clerk's Office
N.C. Utilities Commission

Commissioners,

Please use your authority over Duke Energy's corporate influence. Demand a full and transparent examination of Duke Energy's **fracking** project.

Thank you,
George M. **Vavrek**
306 Ridge View Drive
Asheville, NC 28803

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N.C. Utilities Commission

I'm a conservative who favors safe business practices over most environmentally restrictive attempts by the liberal left. However, in the case of fracking, I feel the one key element in that is being ignored by politicians and regulators due to pressure from deep pocket energy companies, and that is the "safe" component. Fracking is at minimum extremely risky, at worst cataclysmically detrimental to our water supply and our health, both physical and economical, and that's a risk I for one don't feel we should take.

STOP FRACKING AROUND!!!

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N.C. Utilities Commission

I totally support Duke Power's NC fracking.

I absolutely reject and disagree with the "marketing" in the Greensboro News and Record today.

Ignore those pleas and messages - fracking for natural gas should be pursued aggressively.

--

David Holley

Director of Opera
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Artistic Director, Greensboro Opera
President-Elect, National Opera Association

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N.C. Utilities Commission

Dear Chairman Finley:

I am concerned about the environmental decisions being made in North Carolina and urge you to remain vigilant in protecting the future of our beautiful state and the health of our future generations. Currently, I have serious reservations that the Duke Natural Gas plant is in the best interest of our citizens.

As a person of faith, I believe it is our duty to not destroy the environment. Fracking concerns have been raised in other states and fracking has even banned in some. My cousin, who lives in Oklahoma, tells me that earthquakes there are now common and that she just received a letter from her insurance company that states that she isn't insured for earthquakes. Before we rush to institute fracking here in North Carolina and then rush to allow for natural gas power plants to be built and expanded, we need to consider the safer, greener energy alternatives.

Thank you so much for your attention and consideration in this very important matter.

Julie Ann Cooper
Greensboro, NC 27455



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Subject: NCUC docket #E-2 Sub 1089 (Statement of Position) and Request of AG Roy Cooper

Clerk's Office
N.C. Utilities Commission

I strongly urge both the NC Utilities Commission and Attorney General Roy Cooper to conduct a full and transparent review of Duke Energy's Gas Expansion. There are some very important concerns voiced by technical experts which need to be addressed and the results need to be shared with the public in a timely manner.

Thank-you in advance,

William Todd
Wake County resident
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Please do not fast track any plan by Duke Energy! As a resident of Rockingham County, which is still greatly affected by Duke Energys continuing negligence, this state cannot afford to fast track ANY plan this monopoly attempts to put into play. It's time to regulate them more heavily and break up their electric monopoly across the southeast.

Thank you,
Anne Harper-Lane
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We demand an open review of Duke's Gas Expansion program.

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Dear Sir(s) or Madam(s):

Clerk's Office
N.C. Utilities Commission

Duke Energy's recent activity with plans for transmission lines all over western North Carolina and the refusal to use hydroelectric and other renewable resources is troubling. They are stuck in an old way of doing business and not embracing cleaner forms of energy like solar, wind and geothermal energy. The Utility Commission and the general public need full and transparent examination and evaluation of Duke Energy's project plan. The idea of turning to fracking and their current plan of generating up to six times the power necessary for the Asheville area is bad policy and administration. Pollution from methane and the unrealistic views regarding the actual supply of natural gas will lead to a detrimental environment and higher energy prices for consumers. I request that you examine these issues thoroughly and resist the urge to rubber stamp a bad project into reality. Thank you for your time and listening to what I have to say.

Sincerely:

Daniel Morgan

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From: Ivan Browning <ib1007@gmail.com>
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Dear Sirs:

Clerk's Office
N.C. Utilities Commission

I oppose the fast-tracking of Duke Energy's request to expand the facilities of Duke Energy's Asheville plant expansion. Please give this reportedly unnecessary expansion a more thorough review.

Thank you.

Ivan Browning
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Subject: Coal and Gas E-2 SUB 1089

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Clerk's Office
N.C. Utilities Commission

Dear Utility Commission,

I don't believe Duke's plan for using more fossil fuels should be approved. We need to be using less of this stuff and more environmentally friendly energy sources. This ramrodding with a too-speedy process of natural gas down our throats without an in-depth look at alternatives is wrongheaded, business-as-usual, disregard for those you are supposed to be serving. The repercussions on our future are dire. Your job should be protecting and educating the public, and exploring the very best of earth-friendly technology. Shame on you if you do less!

Hoping you show some moral thinking, instead of being ruled by politics and profit.

Lana Burns
Asheville, NC

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Dear Public Utility Commissioners, please turn down Duke's application and extend the time needed and allowed for your decision-making and the contribution of we the public who along with our children and grandchildren will suffer the consequences of this decision for years to come. For a decision as important as this one is to climate change, rather than limiting information and debate, this needs to be extended to cover all relevant areas and to do some visionary thinking about what is best for our universe as far as energy use.

Sincerely and hopefully

Sharron
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It is extremely important to us that you protect our grandchildren from the dangers of fracking.

THANK YOU

Wm & Eliz Seabrook
Burlington, NC

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Please have an open review of Duke Power's plan to build a gas powered energy plant near Asheville. This represents a serious air pollution risk to the health of North Carolinians and to a beautiful area, an opens the door for more such plants everywhere in the state.

Sincerely, John Lutz,
ECU Professor Emeritus

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Clark's Office
N.C. Utilities Commission

Good people,

As a customer of Duke Energy, and one who has been grateful for the understanding they displayed by cancelling that huge new substation in Campobello, and massive new transmission lines through our beautiful mountains, I am writing to request that you seek an extension of time for deliberations for the above Docket.

Duke's proposal for 3 gas powered plants to replace the coal burning plants would be a disaster for future generations. Replacing one fossil fuel generation plant with just another fossil fuel plant is not a solution that considers the health of people or the planet we live on.

Please consider this proposal in depth. The range of electricity needs for the future in light of other solutions like solar and conservation efforts could be quite different than what Duke Energy wants.

Please deliberate with the health of our climate and the people who live in this beautiful region in mind so that we can work together using currently available technology and conservation efforts. Our energy needs can be met with no harm to the environment, today and for future generations.

Carol Beth Icard

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The finest art in life is gratitude