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To NC Utilities Commission:

I realize that in order to achieve a clean energy and improved health future, business as usual is NOT sustainable. We need to deal with our legacy of environmental destruction and work towards our best goal -- our ability to absorb shocks and keep moving forward.

Approving Duke's IRP means approving the destructive status quo, which is threatening to bankrupt our state's economy and continuing to pollute our air and water; thus, also potentially leading to some species extinction. The continued use of increasingly expensive and climate changing fossil fuels while pursuing negligible amounts of relatively inexpensive clean renewable energy and efficiency programs means economic hardship and increasing negative effects on our climate.

Duke is perfectly capable of achieving positive actions, which could well lead to national, and even international, changes, thus reducing the drastic impacts of climate change. Rapid changes industry-wide are imminent. Duke needs to be a leader in this industry and not drag us all down by pursuing more of the status quo.

I appreciate your vital concern in this all-encompassing matter. Please do not accept Duke's IRP unless it puts renewable energy at the forefront of our beautiful state's future.

Most sincerely,

Win Southworth