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Message

Duke Energy's HERO program has benefited DR Horton's Raleigh division and their customers considerably and we'd like to see it offered in all of Duke's North Carolina territory. The HERO program will make it possible for us to provide energy efficient upgrades that we could not consider otherwise. While those upgrades save energy and increase durability, most homebuyers are not willing to make the needed investment. Our understanding is that the program is not in all of Duke's territory because natural gas utilities feel that the program will cause builders to move away from gas installations. The proposed incentives will not outweigh our customers' preference for gas and we will continue to provide the products that buyers want. If the program is expanded, buyers will still determine fuel choices. We support the expansion of this program to homes in the full Duke Energy territory. Regards, Joe Walston