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From: Mike Hughey <south180@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 8:10 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Customer and Citizen Complaint

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Clerk's Office
N.C. Utilities Commission

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Hello.

I am not affiliated with NC WARN or Duke Energy. I am just a resident of NC and a voter, and I am tired of the way Duke Power has bought and paid for this commission and my elected leaders. This commission should not have allowed the merger of Duke and Progress Energy, as this has given Duke even more influence with this agency. Now it is going to allow the purchase of Piedmont Natural Gas by Duke Energy. This will create a practical energy monopoly in most of NC, which will be a disservice to the citizens of our state. This is evident by Duke pressing the Utilities Commission in the case against NC WARN and the small Greensboro church. This is disgraceful on Duke's part, and demonstrates the seemingly corrupt relationship between this body and Duke Energy. I experienced Duke Power's disregard for the law myself when their workers trespassed on my property and installed a new remote switch system on my new HVAC. They cut it off several times this summer during the afternoon when my wife and kids were home causing the house to heat up. Can I charge them with trespassing and damage to real personal property? We have many laws that benefit Duke Power at the expense of the very people you are supposed to represent. I think it is time that I, as a citizen of NC hold my elected representatives and this commission responsible for their actions. Duke power needs to be broken up for the same reason that AT&T was, it is too big and controls too much with it's monopoly. We need competition in the energy market, as well as to be able to use alternative sources to grid-supplied electricity. Please remember who you actually represent.

Mike Hughey
Greensboro, NC

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From: Carol Hay <cmhay.lessmess@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 9:38 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Duke Energy v. NC WARN

To the Commission:

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It seems to me that since NC WARN clearly intended their action of selling solar power to a church to become a test case to determine whether solar power can be sold by one NC nonprofit to another, a heavy fine would not be appropriate. Creating a case is in fact the only way to get a decision by the Commission. If the Commission finds against NC WARN, then an appropriate fine would be to cover the costs of hearing the case and making the decision. A heavy fine could only be interpreted to mean the Commission wishes to punish NC WARN and intimidate other pro-solar actors, or perhaps wishes to please Duke Energy for whatever reason.

Since I believe the Commission wishes to retain its credibility with the citizens of North Carolina, it makes sense not to levy any heavy fines in this case.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Carol Hay
Hillsborough

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From: Deby Hodges <pawsfurme@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 1:11 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Penalization of NC WARN

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As an adamant supporter of solar energy, I am sending this email as a protest against Duke Energy wanting (demanding?) the NC Utilities Commission to penalize NC WARN up to \$1,000 for every day (since late June 2015) over the group selling solar power to Faith Community Church after contracting to have a 5.2 kilowatt photovoltaic system installed on the church's roof.

What shocks me the most is that the actions of Duke Energy creates the impression that they are opposed to competition. Does this actually mean that Duke Energy gets to be the monopoly that it is set out to be? Duke Energy is clearly trying to punish and silence one of its most persistent critics (NC WARN). After Duke Energy joined-up with the Koch brothers in beating down bipartisan legislation that would have allowed solar competition – and which had broad public, business and military support – this attempt to sanction NC WARN shows how intensely Duke will fight to disallow third-party financing for solar power.

NC WARN has cited precedents from in-state cases and those in other states, and maintain that the funding arrangement is consistent with state energy policy and with the constitutional ban of monopolies, and that it should be encouraged across North Carolina. In addition, numerous other churches have expressed interest in solar power via third party – or “no money down” – solar financing in order to save money and further their Earth stewardship.

Although Duke Energy is entitled to disagree with NC WARN's actions, to request the NC Utilities Commission to financially hamstring the 27 year-old nonprofit is more proof that Goliath wants neither competition, criticism, nor scrutiny.

I sincerely request that the NC Utilities Commission be fair and impartial to ANY third-party organization that meets (and exceeds) the state energy policies and allow them to continue to serve everyone who desires the use of solar power's wonderful cost saving/clean energy revolution.

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Subject: NC WARN's "test case" at Faith Community Church

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To whom it may concern,

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It has been recently brought to my attention that this is an issue. As a citizen of North Carolina I felt it necessary to voice my opinion on the matter. I am not affiliated with NC WARN, Faith Community Church, or Duke Energy.

First let it be known that I disagree with many of the states policies on solar energy use, distribution, and regulation.

I feel the transaction should be allowed although you will probably rule differently. The bigger concern for me is Duke Energy once again throwing around its weight to get what it wants regardless of whether it's right, better, or productive for the state and its people. The fines are unnecessary and would be counter-productive to the development of alternative energy sources in the state. Duke Energy is trying to smother competition before it has a chance to become competition.

Sincerely,
Tony Briceno

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From: Mary DeCoster <mdecoster@fh.org>
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To: Statements
Subject: Questionable legal status, ethics, of Duke Energy monopoly

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Esteemed Commissioners,

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I urge the members of the NC Utilities Commission to assess this test case honestly and fairly. It's my hope and prayer that the Commission responds wisely and honestly, and comes down on the right side of history. We have very little time left to prevent a full-blown series of cascading climate catastrophes, and Duke Energy seems determined to hang on to their (illegal) monopoly status in NC as long as possible, with little regard for the consequences and human suffering.

North Carolina is one of only four states where third party sales are thought to be disallowed – three of them are Duke states. Georgia recently joined the rest of the country where either regulators or courts have allowed solar companies to sell power directly to customers from systems on those customers' property. Until now, no one has tested it in North Carolina.

I work for a Christian humanitarian assistance organization, and I can tell you that global climate change and the disasters that come with it are already wreaking havoc around the world – and here in the United States. Unless we want to live in a permanent state of emergency, limping from one horrific disaster to the next, it's time to do the right thing, and take seriously our role as stewards, rather than looters, of creation.

Sincerely,

Mary DeCoster