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Commissioners,

We respectfully request you to disallow Duke Energy's recent rate increase request, based on the following observations:

Currently charging some of the <u>highest rates</u> in the state

Their past track record of charging customers [until 2021] exorbitantly for nuclear plants they have no intention of ever reopening –

or never reducing fuel surcharges even though fuel prices haven't been an issue for years,

in addition to petitioning the legislature to raise the 10% limit on profit margin for monopolies granted by the legislature - to 15%,

We can attest the citizenry of our cities/counties/state cannot afford to pay what amounts to an undue hardship burden on those citizens struggling to survive in an era of stagnant wages & real inflation crushing families currently

The hardship placed on businesses in not only our community, but the state, are a detriment to the lifeblood of much needed commerce vital to the very health of our state and those citizens they employ. We cannot implore you strongly enough, to resist the lobbyists & associated special interests representing this North Carolina mega-utility and disallow such an egregious rate request.

Thank you for your time & your thoughtful consideration

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