Docket # 2011-E-271 Aug. 27th, 2011

Dear Commissioners,

I, as a paying customer of Duke Energy, do strongly object to the proposed 17% increase in residential charges; as well as the 14% increase in lighting charges for its customers.

According to its own figures, Duke's earnings increased almost 100% from this time last year; and its net income skyrocketed 324% in the first half of 2011 to $946 million; up from $223 million last year in the same period.

It should be obvious to all of us that Duke Energy is already charging its customers more than it needs to cover its operating, improvement & profit margins. The figures speak for themselves. →

I strongly encourage you to reject any & all requests for rate increases from Duke Energy.

Sincerely,

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