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I for one oppose the increase of Duke power rate increase on poor people's power bills for the following reasons (1) people on Social Sec. will not get a raise in their check for the next 2 years. (2) Blue Cross/Blue Shield is raising a penalty on people who smoke or chew tobacco by $25.00 a month without warning and probably medicare ~~increase~~ will increase their rate. Blue Cross will also probably increase the regular cost of insurance as they always do. a lot of people (retired) stand to lose a lot of income in several ways if these increases are approved. the economy is in bad shape and future income is in doubt. Please consider the impact on retired people with all these increases at a time people are struggling to get by.

I request a hearing for Greenwood Co. people, also a notice from Duke stated this should be done before Sept. 18, 2009 on Docket # 2009-226 E. my bill arrived on that date with the notice enclosed and no way to answer the proposal before that date.

I beg you to consider the ramifications of these impacts on retired people.

thanks,
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