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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from $8.29 to over $28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

Share your own thoughts with the SC Public Service Commission:
I work hard to conserve on the energy to run our household, in fact the report I get from Duke monthly tells me what a good job we are doing. Duke energy is trying to take that control away from us and that is not fair. Duke according to their annual reports is already getting a fair return on their investment. Thank you for allowing me to comment and please consider those of us on a fixed income.

Sincerely,
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