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Gentlemen:

This letter is to express my opposition to the 17% rate increase proposed by Duke Power.

As a senior citizen, without retirement income other than Social Security, I am concerned about the amount this increase would affect my budget.

I understand we are getting a raise in SS, but the proposed increase in Medicare will eat most of that up. And prices at the grocery store have increased. We all have to watch for sales and specials to stretch our dollars. There are many people out of work who do well to put food on the table.

Perhaps Duke Power should put off some of their "projects" and stop this merger which will not help the "little" folks, but may cause more jobs to be lost.

Thank you
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