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Sir,

This letter concerns the proposed transmission line of Duke Power. First off I want you to know I am not now nor have I ever have been an employee of Duke Power, nor non of my relatives. Second I have lived in upstate South Carolina all of my life. During this time Duke Power has done it utmost to provide North & South Carolina with some of the cheapest electric rates in the nation, and to my knowledge we have never suffered from black outs like the rest of the nation has, such as California.

Now Duke Power, trying to keep our electric rates affordable and meet the growing demand for electricity has proposed a new transmission line. They are also trying to upgrade their intra structure with these new lines. Remember there has been an outcry for these lines nationwide to be upgraded by all electrical companies, because of age.

Duke Power has a hard task, they must keep rates low and also plan 15-20 years in the future for power usage. They also must make a profit for their investors or else they will go out of business.

I do not want my grand children to wonder why we are short of electrical power in their future because we are short sighted today.

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These people want Duke Power to consider alternate sources of power. Duke is trying from all I have read but this part of the country does not lend itself well to some of these alternatives. If they did people would already be using them without waiting on government help.

While all these people are running about our stunning natural beauty, and mountains, but they are not worried when the new log cabins and hotels around Jocassee are being built + proposed. It seems the only time full paid ads are being run in when it is against Duke Power + not against people building large homes + hotels.

I know Duke Power is not an angel but neither are they a demon. Watch them but do not hamper them in doing what they do best, planning for the future + keeping our rates as low as possible.

Thank You

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