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From: on behalf of Nirmala Kamath <nkamath70

Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 5:22 PM
To: PSC_Contact
Subject: [External] Comments for Docket 2019-224-E and 2019-225-E Reject Duke's IRPs

Dear South Carolina PSC,

I'm writing to ask that you reject Duke Energy's 2020 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) in our state.

The IRP prevents us from moving toward 100% renewable energy by 2050, lacks funding for economic justice and frontline communities, and, bafflingly, re-commits us to coal, citing a lack of clean energy technology. We know this isn't true; in fact, it's now well established that solar is not only the cleanest, but also the most cost-effective energy choice.

A recent study from Energy Innovations showed that the Carolinas could boost renewable energy to 66% in North Carolina and 57% in South Carolina by 2035, all while decreasing costs to ratepayers. On the other hand, analysis by Energy Transition Institute found that climate commitments and climate impacts would render $4.8 billion in fossil fuel plant investments unusable, or $900 per Carolina customer in today's dollars. We cannot afford these ill-conceived plans.

Despite the strong case for solar and other clean energy resources, Duke is choosing to invest in soon-to-be stranded assets, putting profit above the people and our planet. Carolinians are ready to invest in clean energy, which creates good, clean energy jobs, a stronger economy, a safer community, and a healthier planet. That is the direction we need to move in, and I want our energy provider to know it.

Carolinians look to the commission for clarion leadership toward clean energy now more than ever. Please reject Duke's IRP in favor of a plan that puts clean energy and climate justice at the forefront.

Sincerely,
Nirmala Kamath
Morrisville, NC