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Dear Public Service Commissioners:

I was unable to come to your hearing last Thursday. Just want to add my voice to those who begged you not to allow the latest hike for Duke Power. This is the 2nd year in a row they have asked for a raise in fees. We, the public, have been hit with unemployment, tax hikes, high gas prices, groceries going up — we are hard-pressed to come up with the necessities.

Look at the salaries and bonuses the leaders of Duke Power make. Do you think they could take some cuts and try to live in their means as we have had to do?

I am not going to bore you with my travails, but the last 4 years have been extremely difficult. I am almost 65, and have had to really cut back to help out my family.

Duke comes every year asking to hike the rates. Last time, I believe you gave them about half of what they asked for. Please don't do that again. They have more than the avg person. Some are going to really suffer if you allow it.

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

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