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Latimer, Becky

From: Latimer, Becky
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 10:28 AM
To: _____
Subject: RE: Please stop Duke Energy's hidden mandatory fee hike

Dear Ms. Gail Sockwell,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2018-319-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order

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According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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Docket No. 2018-319-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order - https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/116872

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Becky Latimer
Clerks Office/Administrative Coordinator

Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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-----Original Message-----
From: _____
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 7:42 PM
To: PSC_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>
Subject: Please stop Duke Energy's hidden mandatory fee hike

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Dear SC Public Service Commission,

South Carolina has had too many bad power deals and it needs to end. Please stop Duke Energy's proposed hike in mandatory monthly fees. The fee hike would leave me paying at least $336 per year before I even turn on a single light, which would be the highest mandatory monthly fee of any investor-owned utility in the nation.

The hardest hit customers by this huge fee hike will be customers who use less energy, often low-income families and seniors, who can least afford it, and households that use solar or energy efficient appliances. MY HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS FROM SOCIAL SECURITY AND THIS IS ONE MORE SIGNIFICANT BUDGET HIT.

By moving such a large percentage of our bills to mandatory fees that cannot be reduced, no matter how little energy I use, Duke will be taking away my ability to control my electric bill by saving energy. The high mandatory fees will mean low-usage customers will be forced to pay more for using less.

Duke made more than $3 billion in profit in 2017 and paid their CEO $21 million, making her the highest paid utility CEO in the nation, yet somehow they now claim they need to collect more from customers.

Duke's proposed fees are unjustified, inequitable, and bad for consumers and the environment.

Utility proposals for huge monthly fees like Duke's have been rejected by regulators and public officials around the country, and I ask that you do whatever you can to protect utility customers and stop Duke's proposal.

I do not require updates from the PSC on new matters in the docket.

Copies to: SC Public Service Commission and my state legislators

Sincerely,
Gail Sockwell
[redacted] Greenwood, SC 29649-8438

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