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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from $8.29 to over $28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

I understand and support capitalism, but this proposed increase sounds more like greed. Remember, Duke Energy is a utility, not an airline. The airlines have colluded to gouge there customers. But we can choose not to fly. Electricity is a more necessary commodity. I don't mind paying for what we use, but this sounds more like a ripoff and will have devastating impact on those who can least afford it.

Sincerely,
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