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To: Public Service Commission of S. C.
Clerks Office

I received a notice from Duke Power about their request for an increase in electric rates. I oppose this increase due to the fact Duke Power reported to the Rock Hill Herald on the merger with Progressive Power of North Carolina that the rates would be lowered due to regulations of the merger. This will also include the loss of jobs of about 2400 people. As a result you have a gain by merger, less employees, a rate increase before the decrease in charges. All in all, their request would be a very good deal for Duke Power... high profit gain.

I have over 45 years experience with Duke Power and I rate their service with a "C."

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