

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Public Field Hearing

Duke Energy Rates - Cause Number 46038

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COMMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR THE DUKE ENERGY RATE HIKE HEARING – June 20, 2024

Thank you for having this a public hearing.
Hello – My name is Greg Grant and I am Duke Energy customer here in Bloomington. As a grandfather of 4, I am very concerned about the lack of justification of the requested rate increase, particularly given the lack of progress in Duke's efforts to include lower-cost, cleaner, renewable energy sources in its generation mix.

Duke's primary justification for its requested rate increase is that it hasn't raised rates since 2020 and that it would also like to increase its return on equity from 9.7% to 10.5%, equating to giving its stockholders the largest profit margin of all the electric utilities in Indiana. Such rationale is quite frankly NOT even close to an appropriate basis for requesting any rate increase, let alone a 33% increase in residential rates, as detailed by the Citizens Action Coalition (see Page 3 of 5). By the way, this 33% increase is far above the 19% increase Duke says it's requesting for its residential customers and 16% average for all of its customers. Clearly, Duke's accounting assumptions behind its stated percentage increases in the rates are in need of careful detailing by both the OUCC and the IURC, for responsible rate-setting and Duke's Hoosier customers' awareness.

Given the substantial decreases that have occurred in the cost of solar and wind energy both before and since 2020, by accelerating replacement of its dirty coal-fueled plants with clean renewable solar and wind, Duke would have been lowering its cost for electrical power generation during these last 4 years, like other Indiana utilities have done, as well as utilities elsewhere in the U.S. Instead, Duke's generation mix now has the lowest amount of lower-cost renewable energy among Indiana's public utilities, despite having by far the largest number of customers [as shown in the attached chart (see Page 4 of 5).]

Likewise, instead of delaying its coal plant retirements, Duke should be aggressively lowering its global heat-trapping carbon emissions (CO₂ and methane), by accelerating its transition to renewable solar and wind energy. This will also lower Hoosiers' medical costs by reducing exposure to toxic air pollutants from fossil fuels. More renewable energy sooner, rather than later, will thus also help to keep Indiana competitive with other states for retaining existing businesses and attracting new businesses concerned about their employees' health care costs and general well-being. For example, General Motors has been maximizing its use of solar panels at its production facilities. Many other manufacturers and businesses can reasonably be expected to grow or shrink jobs for Hoosiers according to the relative ease they see for accessing lower-cost, cleaner, renewable energy by way of the power grid and otherwise. Additionally, businesses along with residential customers need to know the overall growth in demand for electrical power can be met with clean power, as cleaner electric vehicles become increasingly more affordable and recharging infrastructure is further built out. Additional lower-cost, clean, renewable electricity will likewise be required for attracting the fast-developing data centers for information services, and the associated direct and indirect jobs, in Indiana.

By accelerating, rather than delaying, the transition to lower-cost, clean renewable energy, Duke will also reduce our State's future costs required to clean-up or better protect our surface and ground waters from potential pollution by coal ash dumps. These future costs need to be minimized by accelerating the transition to renewable energy, since these costs are substantial today and will only increase as climate change induced by carbon emissions makes major flooding events likely to occur more frequently in Indiana (see chart on Page 5 of 5 from Indiana's Past & Future Climate: A Report from the Indiana Climate Change Impacts Assessment (<https://ag.purdue.edu/indianaclimate/indiana-climate-report/#precipitation>)).

To summarize, with its 2020/2021 rate increase, Duke was either ineffectively incentivized to invest in clean, lower-cost renewable energy sources or Duke basically failed to make good on their stated intentions and plans to do so. Either way, Duke should not be rewarded with higher profits and a rate increase for incurring any higher costs due to their slower transition to renewables. Instead of raising rates to cover such higher costs, the IURC should be reducing Duke's profits and rates, so that the rates are based much more on Duke's performance for lowering costs and lowering pollution. Such a performance basis for setting electric rates is needed to appropriately incentivize ~~or~~ reward Duke for the actions required to bring online the lower-cost, clean, renewable energy needed here in Indiana.

The bottom line is that, in the requested rate increase, Duke has not provided the justification needed for any rate increase, and there are many reasons Duke should have been lowering their costs and should now be requesting lower electric rates compared to the rates requested in 2020 and approved in 2021. Likewise, going forward, to meet Hoosiers' growing need for electrical energy, Duke should be lowering its toxic air pollution and heat-trapping carbon emissions, its costs and its rates for its Hoosier customers, by utilizing more renewable energy as soon as feasible, instead of using more expensive and more polluting coal and natural gas.

Thank you for your service to the Hoosier community!

Duke Energy Indiana 2024 Rate Hike
Base Rates Comparison

1000 kWh	Current Bill		Proposed bill	
	Charges & Rates	Total Bill	Charges & Rates	Total Bill
Monthly Fixed Charge	\$10.54	\$10.54	\$13.70	\$13.70
First 300 kWh	\$0.15	\$44.64	\$0.20	\$59.25
Next 700 kWh	\$0.11	\$75.81	\$0.14	\$100.63
All kWh over 1,000	\$0.10	\$0.00	\$0.13	\$0.00
	Total:	\$130.99	Total:	\$173.58
			Increase:	\$42.59

	Current Trackers		Proposed Trackers	
	Charge per kWh	Total charge for 1000 kWh	Charge per kWh	Total charge for 1000 kWh
Fuel Cost Adjustment	0.002194	\$2.19	0	\$0.00
Environmental Compliance Investment Adjustment	-0.00098	-\$0.98	0.001371	\$1.37
TDSIC (Grid Modernization) Rate Adjustment	0.002986	\$2.99	0.001228	\$1.23
Energy Efficiency Revenue Adjustment	0.002019	\$2.02	0.001008	\$1.01
Credits Adjustment	-0.0099	-\$9.90	-0.006872	-\$6.87
RTO Non-Fuel Costs and Revenues Adjustment	-0.000322	-\$0.32	0	\$0.00
Reliability Adjustment	-0.000055	-\$0.06	0.000283	\$0.28
Federally Mandated Cost Adjustment	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Renewable Energy Project Revenue Adjustment	0.000233	\$0.23	0.000074	\$0.07
Load Control Adjustment	0.001437	\$1.44	0	\$0.00
	Total:	-\$2.39	Total:	-\$2.91
			Decrease:	-\$0.52

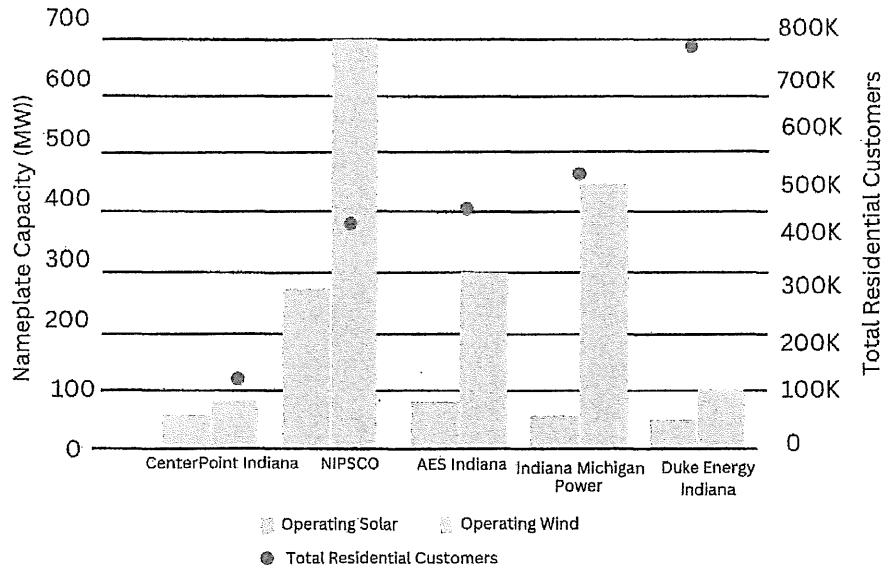
1000 kWh	Current Bill		Proposed bill	
	Charges & Rates	Total Bill	Charges & Rates	Total Bill
Monthly Fixed Charge	\$10.54	\$10.54	\$13.70	\$13.70
Base rates per kWh	\$0.12	\$120.45	\$0.16	\$159.88
Trackers	-0.002388	-\$2.39	-0.002908	-\$2.91
	Total:	\$128.60	Total:	\$170.67
			Increase:	\$42.07
			Percent increase:	32.71%

1000 kWh	Current	Proposed
PRICE PER kWh (with fixed charge)	\$0.13	\$0.17
PRICE PER kWh (w/o fixed charge)	\$0.12	\$0.16

Duke Energy is Indiana's largest utility and the slowest to transition to clean energy.

Comparing the 5 major electric companies in Indiana:

- Every other utility has more solar today than Duke.
- NIPSCO, AES, and I&M dramatically surpass Duke in wind power.
- NIPSCO has 7x as much installed wind generation as Duke.
- Duke will be using coal to produce nearly half its power in 2030, while the rest will use virtually no coal by 2030.
- Customers are saving money from the transition to renewable energy. For example AES projects \$240 million in savings; NIPSCO projects billions in savings for customers.

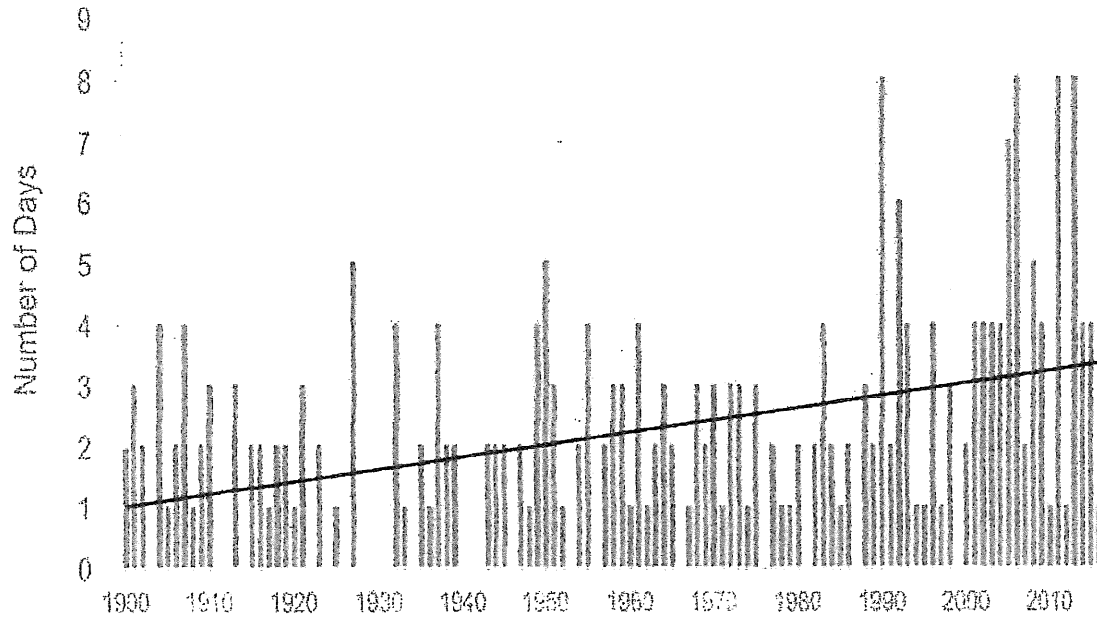


*Chart does not include market purchases. Data from S&P Global

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More Frequent Extreme Precipitation Events in Indiana



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Thank you for having this public hearing.

Marilyn Bauchat, Duke customer, teacher, parent, grandparent, and concerned member of this community.

When we moved our young family to Indiana in 1988, we were surprised to learn about the poor air quality and general lack of protections for air and water. I wondered why the people of Indiana tolerated the proliferation of polluting coal plants and coal ash ponds.

Most Hoosiers with whom I spoke weren't aware that Indiana regularly ranks 3rd from the bottom in general environmental health, unless they lived near a pollution source or were dealing with a respiratory issue.

When I checked our air quality here today, it was rated "fair," meaning "generally acceptable for most individuals." The Evansville area rated "poor" which indicates a high level of pollution and advises a decreased amount of time outside. "Sacrifice zone" is a frequently used environmental justice concept often used to refer to areas like Southwest Indiana where super polluters pump out huge amounts of toxic emissions and climate disrupting gasses.

<https://www.cnbc.com/2022/09/18/louisiana-nevada-indiana-us-states-with-worst-air-pollution.html>

Three years ago Duke shared plans to transition toward cheaper renewable energy. Now Duke plans to continue with coal, along with natural gas, another creator of toxic pollution and of heat-trapping emissions. A molecule of unburned natural gas (methane) when leaked can also be up to forty times as powerful at trapping heat as a molecule of carbon dioxide.

During today's Public Stakeholder Meeting, Mr. Gagnon displayed several tables modeling Duke's future path. Carbon Capture and Sequestration was included in several models, as if it is a safe alternative for the future. The risks of this high cost process might include:

- leakage that could contaminate drinking water and release carbon back into the atmosphere
- unpredictable reactions with minerals that could cause unstable geology
- hazardous risks for workers and nearby communities during production, transportation, handling, and disposal

We really don't need to leave more toxic dumps for the future - do we?

It is unacceptable that Duke Energy is seeking to impose higher costs on Indiana residents to sustain their reliance on polluting coal. We cannot expect Indiana residents to pay more to support practices that harm our environment and health.

I would like to be able to trust this Commission to make decisions that will protect our health and safety, be the advocate we need to achieve fair and affordable utility fees, and stand up to Duke Energy, the state's largest and most polluting utility.

We need to honor the past and present caretakers of this land and those yet to be born with the decisions we make and the actions we take in the days to come.

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Good evening

I'm Dr. Mary Mahern family practice physician and co-owner of a small medical practice here in Bloomington. I'm grateful for this opportunity to speak to our Indiana utility regulators this evening.

for a 30 So grateful for electric light & air conditioning in the room
I am requesting that you DENY Duke energies proposed rate hike. *Since it's over 90° today*

As a primary care physician, I know the importance of the social determinants of health. These are non-medical factors that determine health. This certainly includes housing and affordability of basic living expenses, including the essentials of electricity.

I am concerned for our most vulnerable citizens who must make hard choices with meager finances and can even face homelessness because they can't pay their utility bill and afford their rent.

Electricity is essential.

When I was in my early 20s, before I went to medical school, I had a time when I was a bit of a free spirit and lived out on the land without running water water or indoor plumbing. We had fresh spring water, grew a huge garden and heated and cooked with wood, but you know, I was never completely off grid. I always had electricity. This is something that we have taken for granted in our country since the mid 1930's. We all need to be able to have the lights come on when we flip that switch in our homes.

We need to count on our public utilities to be forward thinking and to replace the super polluting coal fired electric generators that Duke energy so heavily relies on.

I am very concerned about the health of our citizens with air pollution, global climate instability as well as the currently present groundwater and river contamination from toxic coal ash. When my dream about the moonlight on the Wabash, turns to a nightmare it is because of arsenic and other toxic contamination from coal ash.

We cannot afford electricity, the way it is currently generated by Duke energy. Duke Energy has not demonstrated forward thinking plans for electricity generation. With this proposed rate hike, they are asking the citizens to shoulder the burden of past poor planning that has resulted in continued over/reliance on coal and the continued burden of huge amount of coal ash waste that remains a major health risk for Hoosiers.

It's time that Duke Energy step up Hoosier citizens rather than its shareholders..

Thank you for your time

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Jeff Marks

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Not a Duke customer but depend heavily on Spencer, Bloomington, and Terre Haute for my daily activities.

Retired – IT person. I am an accidental environmentalist. I have come to see that, for whatever reason, we lack sensible balance in our approach to the world we live in.

Good evening.

I rise today to oppose the rate case as presented by Duke Energy Indiana.

I do this for 2 reasons.

One: The rate case will hit the most vulnerable among us quite hard, and there is no accommodation for this in the case. While utilities are not allowed to cut off power in the winter, they are allowed to do so in the summer. And with no accommodation by Duke, more families will be at risk in our increasingly warm summers.

Two: A regulated environment is established to regulate the behaviour of certain infrastructure monopolies so that the provider can provide the service for a reasonable return at a reasonable cost to the consumer. The regulator should NOT support poor business practices principally because these poor business practices will neither be in the interest of the consumer nor the provider.

DEI's specific poor business practices as reflected in this rate case include but are not limited to:

- a. **Requiring customers to pay for Duke's additional coal piles.** It seems to me that the current tracker for 45 days of coal piles is more than sufficient to ensure reliable resilient thermal station fuel. I can understand that the petitioner is anxious for stability in the supply of coal. That is because about $\frac{3}{4}$ of its output product is dependent upon coal. But allowing for this coal pile change reduces the incentive for the petitioner to acquire a more balanced portfolio of generation capabilities, a better business practice, and that backs both the consumer and the producer further back into a corner.
- b. **An increasing dependence on coal at a time when it should be rebalancing the electricity supply portfolio.** It appears that the other investor-owned utilities in Indiana have made a commitment to a balanced generation portfolio mostly without coal but in any event trending toward the elimination of coal. Renewable energy approaches are far from experimental at this point. In this rate plan the petitioner generates even more of its electricity from coal while further deferring plans for transformation. It is literally behind the power curve in that it has to rely on the old supplies because it has not moved swiftly enough to transform its fleet. At some level this might be irrelevant to the commission, but it has a duty not to back itself into a corner.
- c. **A future risk to reliability, resiliency, and stability.** In the early 2030's, this commission will be faced with a challenge to its mission to provide reliable, resilient, and stable power to

the communities of Indiana if you approve this rate increase. You will have relieved the petitioner of its incentive to act and you will have raised the rates to support the status quo as well as some ancillary improvements. Still in the future will be requests to increase rates due to new capital investments to move beyond coal, or NOT. And if the petitioner does not do that, then it will likely be faced with extraordinary costs to capture carbon at its old sites again bringing new costs to rate payers. Those carbon capture systems, unlike renewable energy systems, are novel and likely expensive. The worst outcome would be that the petitioner had to shut down its coal-based generating capacity, and that would likely have an impact throughout Indiana.

- d. **Pay for poor performance?** I am quite dismayed by the petitioner's request for greater return on equity. Given the lack of planning, the lack of flexibility, and the lack of risk mitigation due to failure to balance the generation portfolio, I would urge the Commission to, if nothing else, reject the request for greater Return on Equity. In my working life I was not rewarded for doing a poor job. Why should the petitioner be so rewarded? It is past time for Duke to balance its portfolio so that it has options as the future races toward us. If it doesn't follow its IRP, that is NOT the fault of the consumers, and a REDUCTION in profit is appropriate until they begin to move forward. They are putting consumers at risk all of the while charging them more for it. Please reject petitioner's request.

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Bloomington Public Hearing – 6/20/24
Duke Energy Rates, IURC Cause No. 46038

To: Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC)

Hi, my name is David Wildemann. I am a Duke residential customer from Columbus, Indiana. I am opposed to the rate increase requested by Duke.

There are three primary reasons I oppose this rate case. First, Duke's request is to raise revenue by 16.2%. Yet, using the projected residential bill of \$170.67 for 1000 kWh, my bill would increase by 32%. What is being presented as a 16% revenue increase is really a 32% increase for residential customers like me.

Second, as a member of a church organization who helps with the needs of low- and fixed-income individuals and families, I see first-hand how they struggle to pay their electric bill. They are residential customers, like me, who will see more than a 30% increase in their monthly bill. This rate increase will be especially tough on those who can least afford the increase. Added to this is the unfair negatively tiered rate structure where those who consume the least pay the highest rate per kWh.

Third, is Duke's reliance on expensive, polluting, and unprofitable coal fired generating plants and the associated coal ash clean up costs. In the next couple of years, Duke plans to burn more coal, delay the planned retirement of coal plants and, in the process, continue to increase the amount of coal ash that will need to be disposed of. Why should I pay more to keep expensive and polluting coal plants running when less expensive, renewable alternatives are available?

I am also opposed to several other aspects of the rate increase including an increase in shareholder return on equity from 9.7 % to 10.5%, paying for coal overstocks, and paying for a carbon capture and sequestration study that would only increase the cost of unprofitable coal fired generating units. Again, why should I have to pay more for Dukes continued reliance on expensive and polluting coal while other utilities in Indiana are implementing less expensive renewable energy.

Thank you,

David Wildemann
944 Parkside Dr
Columbus, IN 47203

Email: wildemann@att.net
Phone: 812-447-4015

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Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Public Field Hearing

Duke Energy Rates - Cause Number 46038

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NAME Dan Bolton

PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL 312-340-8398

CITY & ZIP CODE Bloomington IN 47403

Are you a customer of this utility? (circle one) YES NO

Do you wish to speak or provide written comments? (circle one) SPEAK WRITTEN BOTH

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SIGNATURE *Dan Bolton* DATE 06/20/24

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NAME DR. MATTHEW E. SCHULZ

PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL 812-327-6280 ahcgoodhealth@gmail.com

CITY & ZIP CODE Bloomington IN 47404

Are you a customer of this utility? *(circle one)* YES NO

Do you wish to speak or provide written comments? *(circle one)* SPEAK WRITTEN BOTH

If you are representing any firm or organization, please provide the name:

SIGNATURE Dr. Matthew E. Schulz DATE 06/20/24

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06/20/2024

Cause no. 46038

Hello, my name is Dr. Matthew Schulz. I am asking that my testimony be entered into the public record, as opposing Duke Energy's Rate Case Cause no. 46038. I am calling on the IURC to please deny Duke Energy's rate increase.

I am testifying today on behalf of all of Duke Energy's customers, most specifically, the disabled, single-parents, children, and small business owners that will all be harmed by this rate increase, if approved. It is not in the best interests of the IURC to approve this rate increase because of the harm it will inflict on the customers. We are enslaved by the monopoly, and it is your job to uphold what is right.

In my opinion, Duke Energy should get a rate decrease, not a rate increase. They have already admittedly failed in their promise to show any steps towards moving to clean energy and away from coal. Coal is not only destroying our environment for our future generations, but it is much more costly for everyone.

Except, for the profit margin of Duke Energy.

For example, included in their proposal is the request for a private jet. Please make Duke Energy responsible for the exorbitant costs of a private jet out of their \$497 million dollar profit from last year, and do not pass that burden onto the customers.

Personally, I am struggling to pay my already existing energy bill, and that struggle will certainly worsen with a rate increase. As a single parent taking care of a 22 month old, it is a struggle, to say the least, to afford the already high energy bills, and consequently makes it an even larger struggle affording things like diapers, wipes, and food for my family. Not to mention, how many times in a year does their power grid go down, which has caused all of my food to spoil? Leaving me in a position where I don't have the resources to replace it.

Energy is supposed to be a public service, a utility for the people. They should not be stockpiling coal, while lying to their customers and the regulatory bodies, or pretending that they're shifting to clean energy, and most importantly, they should not be rewarded with a rate increase. This has already been a hot spring, and an even hotter start to summer. My son and I have been forced to live in the dark, in 80+ degree temperatures, in an effort to make the current energy costs as affordable as possible.

In short, Duke Energy is making their customers suffer, and now, are proposing to increase that suffering.

For example, I am waiting to get on disability, so I have very little income. I was rear-ended by a trash truck and was made disabled. I have to get assistance for my current Duke Energy's bills so that my power doesn't go out and our food goes bad. I live in Section 8 housing, in an older home, and have no other options. This rate increase will literally take food out of my son and

my mouthes, and inhibit me from affording other things such as diapers. I use my personal experience, but I am certain there are numerous other customers who share a similar burden.

A couple of weeks ago, I was waiting in line at a local food pantry, and an elderly lady in front of my son and I was complaining, distressed, because she hasn't been able to turn on her air conditioning yet this year. Ironically, she exclaimed it was because she cannot afford her current energy rate to do so. You are literally making the disabled, children, and the elderly suffer in high temperatures, because we cannot afford your bills.

It is important for the IURC to understand the harmful impact this rate increase will have on its customers, including, the numerous people that are struggling to make ends meet and that are forced every year to get EAP assistance, so that they are included in the moratorium, in order to not have their energy shut off in the middle of winter.

My business is now closed due to my disability, but when I was still open and practicing, the cost of Duke Energy's bills were astronomical, adding to the severe difficulty with running a small business.

Duke Energy's product is supposed to be a public service, not a form of enslavement.

I am submitting evidence today demonstrating Duke's failure to move to clean energy, in contrast to all of the other energy companies in Indiana, substantiating the IURC's denial of the rate increase. I will also be submitting evidence demonstrating that their bills are already too high, in the form of bills from Duke Energy, as well as proof of having to get assistance to pay those bills.

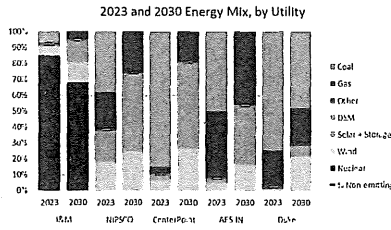
I implore the IURC to deny Duke Energy's rate increase.

Name MATTHEW E. SCHULZ

Signed Dr. Matthew E. Schulz



Compared to the rest of its major electric companies.



- Duke will be the only utility burning coal after 2030 - for about half the power it generates
- Today, NIPSCO has 7x the amount of wind. AES, I&M all have more wind power
- All others have more solar than Duke today
- Wind + Solar by 2030 estimates based on most recent utility plans:
 - In 2030 Duke would be 30% wind and solar based
 - AES (48%), NIPSCO (66%), Centerpoint (81%)

Sources: Sierra Club analysis of 20-Year Energy Plans (Integrated Resource Plans) available on the IURC website, plus updated plans from Duke's 2023 Planning Update (Refresh) and Rate Case Retirement Delay. Estimates for AES IN, CenterPoint and NIPSCO are based on available data from 20-Year Energy Plans. 20-Year Energy Plans are non-binding, but the best reference we have available for utility plans.

Snapshot: Campaign History



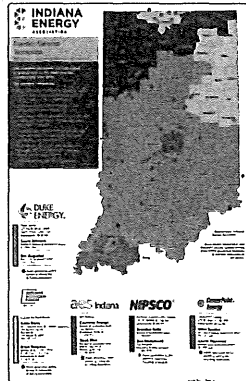
2019: Rate Case Hearings took place in Carmel, Terre Haute, New Albany/Jeffersonville.

'Universal disappointment': Duke's new energy plan still leans heavily into fossil fuels

2020: 20-Year Energy Plan. Moved to virtual meetings and events w/ the pandemic; delivered our first elected official sign-on letter (19).



2021: Delivered 1,000 petitions to Duke Energy IN CEO, Stan Pinegar; delivered our second elected official sign-on letter (24) calling for a move beyond coal by 2030 + held press conference



Electric Service Territories (IURC) IndianaMap

Overview - Key Decisions with Duke

Process	Timelines	Key Moments
Rate Case Request to raise rates overall by 16%	April 4 - Early 2025	Public Hearings: Terre Haute, Bloomington, Fishers, New Albany At least one public hearing is held in the largest municipality the utility serves for cases where over \$25 M increase in annual revenues is requested
\$42 a month for the average residential customer (CAC)		

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) of INDIANA

A Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

APPLICANT APPROVAL NOTIFICATION

Application number: [REDACTED]

Matthew E. Schulz

[REDACTED]
Bloomington, IN 47404-2124

11/03/2023

Dear Matthew E. Schulz

Your application for utility assistance from the Energy Assistance Program, (application # 3421013, received on 10/25/2023), has been approved at the following benefit levels:

Amount	Utility	Funding Program	Vendor	Account Number	Claim Date
\$400.00	Heating Fuel, EAP	Regular Energy Assistan	CenterPoint Energy Nortl	02-620836289-5462637	11/03/2023
\$500.00	Electric, EAP	Crisis	Duke Energy	9101-0508-21-78	11/03/2023
\$150.00	Electric, EAP	Regular Energy Assistan	Duke Energy	9101-0508-21-78	11/03/2023

Note that all payments to a utility vendor may take up to 60 days to process. Please continue to pay on your bill if you are able to. **For direct payment benefits, it may take up to 120 days to receive your check** [REDACTED]. Please allow for this processing time before contacting us to inquire about your check.

If you notice an error with your benefits listed above (such as incorrect vendor or account number), please contact us immediately at: (812)339-3447

Appeal Rights

Appeals Process, Step One: If you do not agree with the benefit determination, you may submit a written appeal to our agency to formally request a review of your application file. All appeals must be submitted in writing and are due within thirty (30) days of this notification letter. Please submit your appeal request to the following address:

SCCAP
1500 W. 15th Street
Bloomington IN 47404
Attn: EAP Appeals
eap@insccap.org

Our agency's official response to all appeals will be issued in writing within fourteen (14) days of receipt. If your appeal is not resolved to your satisfaction, you will then have the opportunity to appeal to the State of Indiana.

Helvey & Associates, Inc.
1015 E Center Street Warsaw, IN 46580-3420
1-855-804-5727 (Para espanol, oprima numero dos)
Customer Service (EST): 8:00am - 7:00pm (M-F) • 8:00am - 12:00pm Saturday.
www.helveydukepay.com

To: MATTHEW SCHULZ
[REDACTED]
Bloomington IN 47401-5592

Reference: [REDACTED]

April 30, 2024

Helvey & Associates, Inc. is a debt collector. We are trying to collect a debt that you owe to DUKE ENERGY INDIANA. We will use any information you give us to help collect the debt.

Our information shows:

You had an account with DUKE ENERGY INDIANA with account number [REDACTED]

As of April 22, 2024, you owed:	\$434.73
Between April 22, 2024 and today:	
You were charged this amount in interest:	+ \$0.00
You were charged this amount in fees:	+ \$0.00
You paid or were credited this amount toward the debt:	\$+0.00
Total amount of the debt now:	\$434.73

How can you dispute the debt?

- **Call or write to us by June 4, 2024, to dispute all or part of the debt.** If you do not, we will assume that our information is correct.
- **If you write to us by June 4, 2024, we must stop collection on any amount you dispute until we send you information that shows you owe the debt.** You may use the form below or you may write to us without the form. You may also include supporting documents. We accept disputes electronically at consumersupport@hiv.com.

What else can you do?

- **Write to ask for the name and address of the original creditor if different from the current creditor.** If you write by June 4, 2024, we must stop collection until we send you that information. You may use the form below or write to us without the form. We accept such requests electronically at consumersupport@hiv.com.
- **Go to www.cfpb.gov/debt-collection to learn more about your rights under federal law.** For instance, you have the right to stop or limit how we contact you.
- **Contact us about your payment options or go online at www.helveydukepay.com using the reference number 910120329552.**

Notice: See reverse side for important information.

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Return Mail:

CU008100
PO Box 1280
Oaks PA 19456-1280

April 30, 2024

How do you want to respond?

Check all that apply:

- I want to dispute the debt because I think:**
 - This is not my debt.
 - The amount is wrong.
 - Other (please include additional information).
- I want you to send me the name and address of the original creditor.**
- I enclosed this amount: \$ _____**

Make your check payable to Helvey & Associates, Inc.
Include the reference number 9545984.

Mail this form to:

[REDACTED]
Helvey & Associates, Inc.
1015 E Center Street
Warsaw IN 46580-3420

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[REDACTED]
MATTHEW SCHULZ

[REDACTED]
Bloomington IN 47401-5592



duke-energy.com
800.521.2232

Service address
MATTHEW SCHULZ
[REDACTED]
BLOOMINGTON IN 47404

Bill date May 22, 2024
For service Apr 18 - May 20
33 days

Account number [REDACTED]

Previous Amount Due	\$703.15
Payment Received	0.00
Current Electric Charges	66.55
Indiana State Tax	4.66
Amount Owed	\$774.36
Monthly Charge for Plan # 100904043745	234.38
Amount Deferred to Plan # 100904043745	-703.15
Total Amount Due Jun 12	\$305.59

Installment Plan Tracker

Thank you for setting up an installment plan to help pay off your past-due balance. Please note that this bill includes your current energy charges plus your installment payment. If you are unable to make this payment by the specified date due, you will be removed from the installment plan and payment of your total balance will be required. Track your plan(s) each month below.

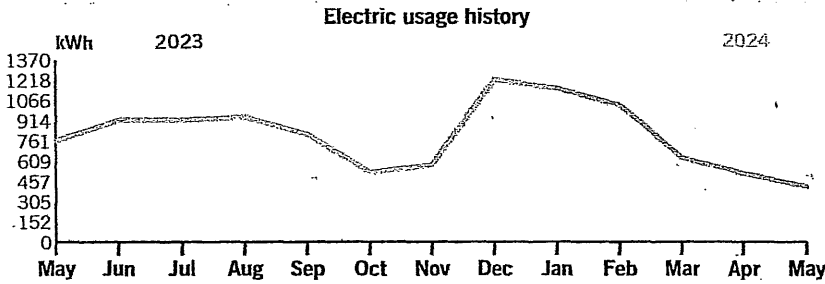
Plan number 100904043745 (3-month agreement)

Start date	May 13, 2024
Monthly installment charge*	\$234.38
*Starting balance	\$703.15
Previous balance	\$0.00
Payment received	\$0.00
Plan balance	\$703.15

Your current rate is Residential Electric Service (RS).

For a complete listing of all Indiana rates and riders, visit duke-energy.com/rates

We have received a pledge of \$300 towards your total amount due. Your balance will be reduced by this amount once the payment is received.



Average temperature in degrees

63° 70° 76° 73° 67° 56° 45° 40° 30° 41° 49° 52° 55°

	Current Month	May 2023	12-Month Usage	Avg Monthly Usage
Electric (kWh)	414	761	9,639	803
12-month usage based on most recent history				

Mail your payment at least 7 days before the due date or pay instantly at duke-energy.com/billing. Late payments are subject to a 3.0% late charge.

Please return this portion with your payment. Thank you for your business.



Duke Energy Return Mail
PO Box 1090
Charlotte, NC 28201-1090

Account number [REDACTED]

\$305.59
by Jun 12

After Jun 12, the amount due will increase to \$305.59.

\$ _____ \$ _____
Add here, to help others with a contribution to Share the Light **Amount enclosed**

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MATTHEW SCHULZ

[REDACTED]
BLOOMINGTON IN 47404-2124



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Charlotte, NC 28201-1094

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duke-energy.com
800.521.2232

Service address

MATTHEW SCHULZ
[REDACTED]

BLOOMINGTON IN 47404

Bill date Apr 22, 2024

For service Mar 20 - Apr 17
29 days

Account number [REDACTED]

- Disconnect Notice

Previous Amount Due	\$185.58
Payment Received	0.00
Current Electric Charges	77.03
Installment Ending Balance # 100903824998	435.15
Indiana State Tax	5.39
Total Amount Due May 13	\$703.15

IMPORTANT DISCONNECTION INFORMATION

Your past due amount of \$620.73 must be paid by May 13, 2024 to avoid possible disconnection of your service on or after May 14, 2024. If your service is disconnected, a reconnection charge will be required to restart service and a new or additional security deposit may be charged. For questions, please refer to your customer pamphlet or call the customer service number listed on this bill.

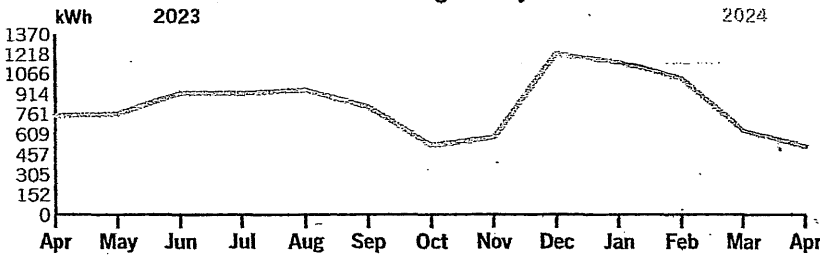
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Know what's below. Call before you dig. Always call 811 before you dig, it's the law. Making this free call at least two full working days before you dig gets utility lines marked and helps protect you from injury and expense. Call 811 or visit indiana811.org.

Help lower your energy bill. Shop the Online Savings Store to save big on energy-efficient items at duke-energy.com/OnlineShop. Enjoy FREE SHIPPING on orders over \$49.

Electric usage history



Average temperature in degrees

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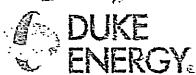
	Current Month	Apr 2023	12-Month Usage	Avg Monthly Usage
Electric (kWh)	513	747	9,986	832

12-month usage based on most recent history

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Disconnect Bill



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Charlotte, NC 28201-1090

Account number [REDACTED]

\$703.15
by May 13

To avoid disconnection, pay
\$620.73 by May 13, 2024.

\$ _____ \$ _____
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Service address
MATTHEW SCHULZ
[REDACTED]
BLOOMINGTON IN 47404

Bill date Feb 21, 2024
For service Jan 19 - Feb 19
32 days

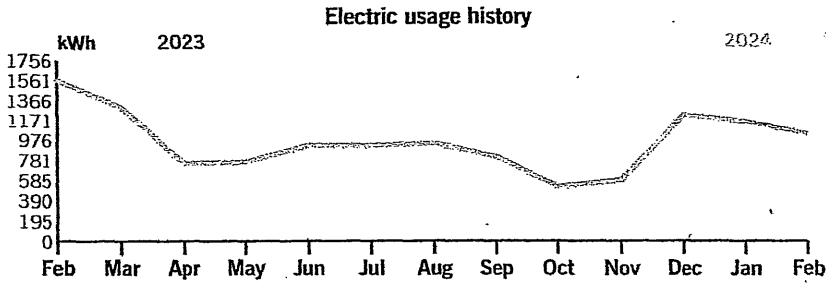
Account number [REDACTED]

Previous Amount Due	\$377.01
<i>Payment Received</i>	0.00
Current Electric Charges	135.67
Indiana State Tax	9.50
Total Amount Due Mar 13	\$522.18

Your current rate is Residential Electric Service (RS).

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Average temperature in degrees

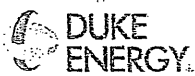
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	Current Month	Feb 2023	12-Month Usage	Avg Monthly Usage
Electric (kWh)	1,026	1,561	10,888	907
12-month usage based on most recent history				

Current electric usage for meter number 318457563	
Actual reading on Feb 19	43930
Previous reading on Jan 19	- 42904
Energy Used	1,026 kWh
Billed kWh	1,026.000 kWh

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Account number [REDACTED]

\$522.18
by Mar 13

After Mar 13, the amount due will increase to \$522.18.

\$ _____ \$ _____
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MATTHEW SCHULZ

[REDACTED]
BLOOMINGTON IN 47404-2124



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duke-energy.com
800.521.2232

Service address
MATTHEW SCHULZ
[REDACTED]
BLOOMINGTON IN 47404

Bill date Dec 20, 2023
For service Nov 18 - Dec 18
31 days

Account number [REDACTED]

Previous Amount Due	\$699.62
Payment Received	0.00
Current Electric Charges	156.36
Indiana State Tax	10.95
Total Amount Due Jan 10	\$866.93

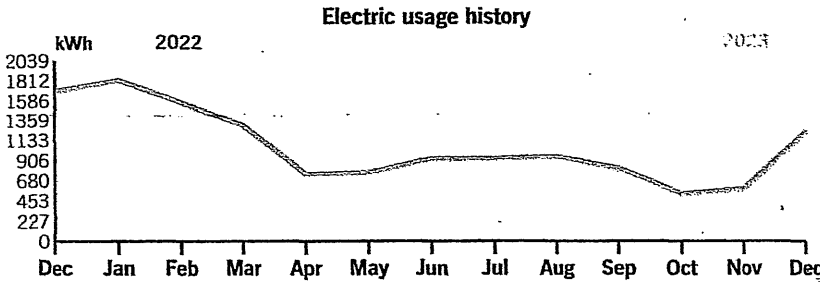
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We have received a pledge of **\$1,150** towards your total amount due. Your balance will be reduced by this amount once the payment is received.

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Average temperature in degrees

35° 55° 40° 43° 51° 64° 70° 74° 72° 67° 50° 46° 40°

	Current Month	Dec 2022	12-Month Usage	Avg Monthly Usage
Electric (kWh)	1,218	1,688	12,083	1,007
12-month usage based on most recent history				

Current electric usage for meter number 318457563

Actual reading on Dec 18	41752
Previous reading on Nov 18	40534
Energy Used	1,218 kWh
Billed kWh	1,218.000 kWh

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Account number
[REDACTED]

\$866.93
by Jan 10

After Jan 10, the amount due will increase to \$866.93.

\$ _____ \$ _____
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Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Public Field Hearing

Duke Energy Rates - Cause Number 46038

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NAME ANNE HEDIN

PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL 812-327-8514

CITY & ZIP CODE BLOOMINGTON, IN 47401

Are you a customer of this utility? *(circle one)* YES NO

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SIGNATURE Anne Hedlin DATE 06/20/24

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Comments provided in this cause are considered public records pursuant to the Indiana Access to Public Records Act (*Indiana Code 5-14-3-1, et seq.*)

My name is Anne Hedin. I have retired from a career in marketing communications for business-to-business software developers. I am a Bloomington resident, a solar owner and a grandparent. I invested in solar 12 years ago when my granddaughter was born at the beginning of a heat wave like this one.

I ask that the IURC deny Duke's request for a rate hike in Cause Number 46038. Duke expects to cover the costs of mandated coal ash cleanups by burning more coal, thereby creating more coal ash, and to postpone the scheduled closing of four coal-burning units in order to do so. This is a vicious circle. It does not make sense on a number of fronts.

First, if Duke were investing in clean energy, there would be less new coal ash to clean up. Back in January last year, a comprehensive analysis by the Energy Innovation Policy and Technology LLC demonstrated that "it's more expensive for 99% of the country's coal-fired power plants to keep running than it is to build an entirely new solar or wind energy operation nearby." That conclusion is based on 2021 actual cost data, combined with the new tax credits from the Inflation Reduction Act. In 2021, "On average, the marginal cost for the coal plants [was] \$36 each megawatt hour, while new solar [was] about \$24 each megawatt hour, or about a third cheaper."

The cost of renewables has continued to drop. Duke's request for a rate hike clearly shows that the cost of continuing to operate coal-fired power plants continues to rise.

Second, just think about our moment in time. The previous 9 years have been the hottest on record. We are now in the middle of a brutal heat wave, caused

in part by burning fossil fuels. Consumers are running their air-conditioners nonstop - if they can afford them. Cities like Bloomington are opening cooling centers for those without AC because of the health risks associated with extreme heat. We are halfway through the crucial decade for transitioning away from burning fossil fuels. Despite this, Duke is proposing to increase the amount of coal it burns rather than have its shareholders absorb the cost of a procurement mistake that Duke made.

They want consumers to pay for it instead. Duke's tiered pricing already places a disproportionate burden on people with low and fixed incomes. Please do not allow prices to be jacked up by 33%. That is not necessary to ensure our supply of electricity. Please require Duke to reevaluate its coal retirement plans and to revise its resource planning in the light of IRA loan guarantees and tax credits for clean energy.

Here's the analysis I am quoting from:

<https://energyinnovation.org/publication/the-coal-cost-crossover-3-0/>

Coal Cost Crossover 3.0: Local renewables plus storage create new economic and reliability opportunities

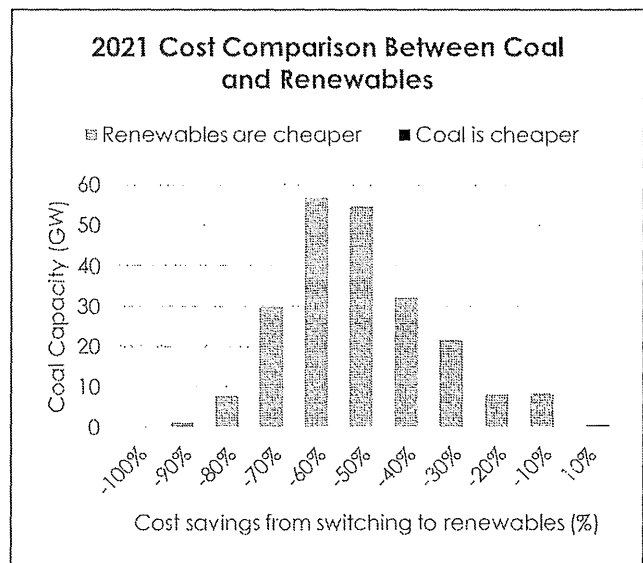
NEARLY ALL U.S. COAL PLANTS ARE MORE EXPENSIVE THAN NEW CLEAN ENERGY

Coal powered the United States economy for decades, but that era is fast coming to a close. The cost of new clean energy technologies has plummeted over the past decade while coal costs have stayed flat or risen, creating a “cost crossover” between coal and renewables in 2020 when renewables provided more power to our grid than coal for the first time.

Our first Coal Cost Crossover report, based on the 2017 coal fleet, found 62 percent of U.S. coal capacity was more expensive to run than to replace with renewables, while our second, based on the 2019 coal fleet, found 72 percent of capacity more expensive than renewables.

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) accelerates this coal cost crossover. First, the IRA extends and expands the investment and production tax credits, significantly reducing wind and solar costs. Second, IRA funding for loan guarantees to refinance fossil fuel power resources and reinvest in new clean energy infrastructure, creates an economic opportunity to pay down coal debt and attract investment in new renewable resources.

Our third Coal Cost Crossover report analyzes 2021 costs for 210 coal plants across the country (totaling 220 gigawatts of coal capacity), comparing them to actual costs for solar and wind in 2021, and incorporating the new tax credits. **We find 99 percent of plants (209 out of 210) are more expensive to run than replacing their generation capacity with either new solar or new wind.** The savings of using renewables would be significant: The cost of either new wind or solar is at least 30 percent cheaper than the cost of running more than three-quarters of existing U.S. coal plants.



LOCAL RENEWABLES CAN DRIVE \$589 BILLION INVESTMENT IN COAL COMMUNITIES

The IRA created a bonus “energy communities” tax credit for building projects in areas that have historically depended economically on the fossil fuel industry. To capture the potential of this tax credit to generate new

clean energy investment for these communities, we compared the cost of building new wind and solar resources within 30 miles of each coal plant to the cost of running the existing coal plant.

For 199 of the 210 coal plants, local solar replacement is less expensive than existing coal, and for 104 plants, local wind is less expensive. For 89 plants, both local wind and local solar were cheaper than coal, indicating a clean energy portfolio including local wind and solar is a viable replacement option for those plants, while providing additional grid reliability value.

Between solar and wind, our study finds replacing 204 coal plants with new local clean energy would generate up to \$589 billion in new investment in energy communities across the country.

Local replacement of coal plants with renewables offers several advantages, including preserving tax revenue and creating jobs in energy communities, qualifying projects for IRA-authorized funding and loans, and potentially avoiding the need to build new transmission to connect to the grid by using existing coal plant infrastructure.

PAIRING LOCAL RENEWABLES WITH STORAGE PROVIDES ADDED RELIABILITY

We also evaluated the cost of adding four-hour battery storage with local solar to provide additional reliability value and in some cases, higher market profitability. We find that the potential savings from switching from coal to local solar can finance 137 GW of four-hour battery capacity across the coal fleet, or more than 60 percent of the capacity of all 210 coal plants we studied. While reliability does not necessarily depend on adding storage, adding some amount of storage can help integrate renewables and accelerate clean energy adoption.

For more than a third of the coal plants we studied, we find that in addition to replacing the electricity generation with local solar, 80 percent or more of the plant's capacity can be replaced with four-hour batteries at a combined cost that is still lower than the cost of operating the coal plant. For the remaining coal plants, the percentage of capacity that can be economically replaced is still quite significant: Savings from renewable generation could fund battery storage at more than 50 percent plant capacity at 135 plants.

POLICIES TO SPEED THE COAL TO CLEAN TRANSITION

The economics are clear: Solar and wind offers much cheaper power compared to coal and without compromising the reliability of our electricity system. However, policymakers must act to unlock the cost savings, redevelopment, and human health benefits for coal communities. Several policies can hasten the coal-to-clean transition:

- Regulators should:
 - Encourage utilities to utilize IRA financing programs from the Departments of Energy and Agriculture.
 - Enable competitive resource procurement.
 - Require reassessment of any utility investment plan, including integrated resource plans and market-based solicitation for renewable supply, completed prior to IRA as renewables costs will be out of date.
- State legislatures and energy offices should plan and fund a coal community economic transition, where local clean energy resources anchor a more expansive economic transition plan.
- Regulators and system operators should:
 - Improve methods to assess reliability and resource adequacy that reflect the reliability value of renewable portfolios and value the reliability attributes of a high-renewable grid.
 - Update interconnection study rules to leverage existing coal plant interconnection rights to speed grid connection processes for local renewable replacement resources.

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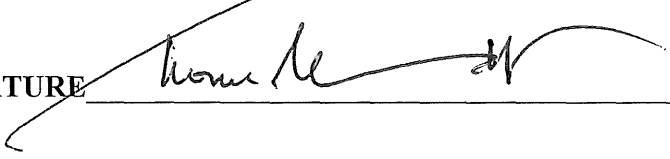
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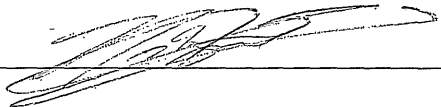
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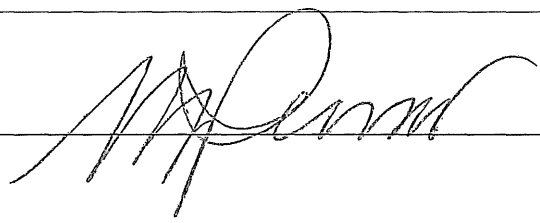
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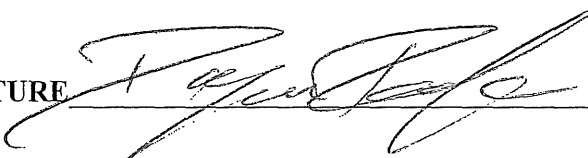
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Good evening. My name is Molly O'Donnell. I am a long-term Duke Energy Indiana customer. My home in Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, 47401.

The Indiana IURC is required by law to make decisions ensuring safe and reliable utility service at just and reasonable rates. The IURC bases its decisions on evidence filed by the utility, the OUCC, and other parties.

As the representative of Duke Energy Indiana's customers, I thank you for this opportunity to make our voices heard.

The 19% rate increase plus an almost 30% increase in the fixed monthly charge, on top of the existing regressive rate structure, will disproportionately impact lower-income customers. According to Feeding America the food insecurity rate in Monroe County is over 14%. It is no doubt even higher in other parts of Duke Indiana service area.

I believe that it is not right to pass on to customers an increase in stakeholder returns on equity at the expense of those struggling to make ends meet. Duke no longer offers a program like Energizing Indiana to help people lower their electricity use, such as by insulating their homes.

Duke also has the lowest percentage of renewable energy in Indiana. Increasing the use of renewables would stabilize the cost of energy, as well as lessen the health effects of air and water pollution on residents, especially those closer to their Gibson plant.

I convene Earth Care Bloomington, an interfaith organization whose mission is to help congregations and individuals care for creation by reducing energy use and shifting to renewable sources of energy. Our congregations also provide support and care for those in need.

I urge you to deny this rate case and ask Duke to reduce the amount of increases in cost to their consumers.

Thank you again for this opportunity.

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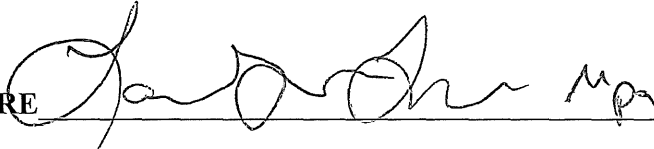
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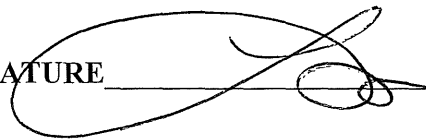
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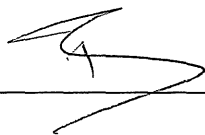
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NAME Tomilea Allison

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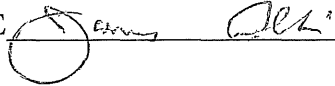
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PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL 812 325 5968

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NAME Rebecca Stoops


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NAME Sarah Mosier


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NAME Nancy Goswami

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NAME Dr. Joan Middendorf


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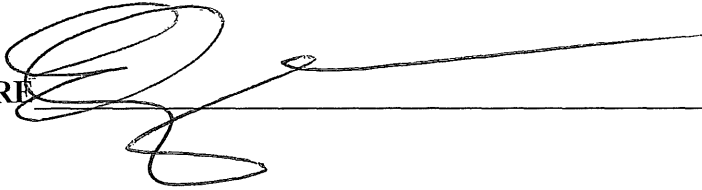
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NAME Patty Robinson

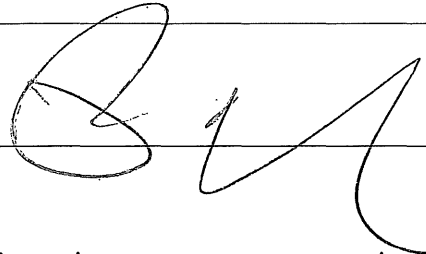
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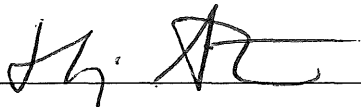
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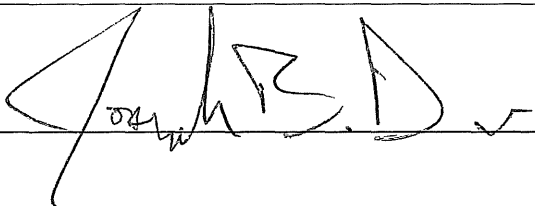
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NAME Randy Arnold


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Here we are.

After decades of burning fossil fuels as our primary source of energy.

Here we are.

Decades worth of data show us that CO2 levels are directly linked to rising global temperatures, causing disrupted weather patterns (floods/droughts), rising ocean temperatures, ocean acidification, melting glaciers, rising sea levels and the list goes on.

Yet, here we are.

From Axios, two days ago – “Climate change is making heat waves more likely, more intense and longer-lasting, in some cases even yielding extreme events once thought to be “virtually impossible” in a climate without additional greenhouse gases from burning fossil fuels.”

Yet, here we are.

Fossil fuels, and especially coal, not only exacerbate the effects of climate change, but they pollute our air and water causing untold negative health impacts across wide geographies where they are utilized.

Yet, here we are.

Duke Energy would have you believe that burning coal is justified because it is “reliable”. Well, as a Duke customer, I can assure you that there are times when my power goes out. And the only thing that is truly reliable about coal is that it pollutes our environment and produces coal ash which is very expensive to remediate.

Yet, here we are.

But there is hope. Renewable energy has proven itself to be clean, reliable, abundant and affordable – this technology already exists. Wind, solar, and hydroelectric power are all increasing in utilization, including by other utilities here in Indiana. Are there changes that must be made? Yes. Our utilities need to invest in modernizing the grid enabling it to handle more distributed energy sources and storage such as high capacity batteries. And we need to phase out fossil fuels in favor of renewable energy.

Yet, here we are.

Duke Energy is asking us, it's customers, to pay at least 30% more for our energy. What does that increased cost pay for? Is it investment in renewable energy, which currently represents less than 5% of Duke Energy's portfolio in Indiana? Is it for investment in battery technology to help stabilize the grid during times of peak demand? Is it for investment in a modernized grid that will allow for better integration of household, community and small-scale energy production? No. The answer is none of the above.

This rate increase is requested to increase Duke's profitability beyond the \$490+M profit it made off of Hoosiers in 2023. Rather than using those profits, Duke is requesting this rate increase to pay for the clean-up of coal ash ponds, the repercussion of their bad investment in coal. Beyond that, Duke will use the rate increase in increase – not decrease – it's use of coal in the near future as demand increases due to increased electrification of our homes, workplaces, and transportation.

So, here we are.

There is an obvious path forward that lowers costs, creates value for customers, protects our climate, and saves our planet from destruction. Duke Energy is not on that path, rather, they are on a path that keeps costs high, stifles innovation, and ignores the existential threat to our future that fossil fuels embody. Duke Energy can do better. Duke Energy must do better. I request that the IURC reject this proposed rate increase, and work with Duke Energy and all utilities in Indiana to help bring about a cleaner, brighter future for all Hoosiers.

Thank you.

Randy Arnold

Duke customer

2414 E Rechter Road

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SIGNATURE Liz Feitl DATE 06/20/24

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no rate increase; reasons (pollutants) (should have upgraded to more environmentally friendly ~~structure~~ ^{alternatives} along forward thinking instead of coal) (why didn't DUKE take offer from Monroe land for large field for solar panels?) (other companies are going to cleaner energies - why not DUKE?) (IN ranks 3rd for bottom in air quality) (Corporate Greed shouldn't be at the heart of a public utility)

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I am representing myself as a senior, retired ^{tax payer} living in Bloomington

SIGNATURE Irene Welch DATE 06/20/24

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I am against any rate hike as long as you continue investing in old technology (dirty, fossil fuel, coal). ^{to expect} tax payers to support this is ludicrous, and therefore very disappointing, and pretty much immoral as well. I concur with the public who are against any rate hike !!!

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NAME David A. Garrett

PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL davidgarrett27@yahoo.com

CITY & ZIP CODE Bloomington 47401

Are you a customer of this utility? (circle one) YES NO

Do you wish to speak or provide written comments? (circle one) SPEAK WRITTEN BOTH

If you are representing any firm or organization, please provide the name:

SIGNATURE David A. Garrett DATE 06/20/24

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I agree with all speakers denouncing Duke Energy's rate increase request. Monopolies are a serious problem in our society that needs to be socialized. Duke Energy needs to break its addiction to fossil fuels... or get out of Indiana! We don't all have to drink the same water, but we all DO have to breath the same outdoor air. I bought an electric riding mower this Spring and I love it! Fewer parts to go bad.
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NAME TOM DUFFY

PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL TOMDUFFY PHOTOGRAPHY @ GMAIL, COM

CITY & ZIP CODE BLOOMINGTON 47401

Are you a customer of this utility? (circle one) YES NO

Do you wish to speak or provide written comments? (circle one) SPEAK WRITTEN BOTH

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SIGNATURE *Tom Duffy* DATE 06/20/24

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RATE INCREASE IS NOT NEEDED

- ALREADY VERY PROFITABLE
- INCREASE SIMPLY ~~HELPS~~ CONTRIBUTES TO DUKE'S POLLUTION BY CONTINUED RELIANCE ON COAL
- ~~THE~~ DUKE HAS THE SMALLEST INVESTMENT IN WIND + SOLAR
- ~~YET~~ DUKE HAS BY FAR THE LARGEST RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS
- OTHER (SMALLER) STATE UTILITIES FORECAST SAVING CONSUMERS \$240 M TO "BILLIONS"

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DUKE SHOULD NOT ~~BE~~

• RECEIVE A RATE INCREASE

• RECEIVE FUNDING FOR CLEANING
THEIR COAL AS ~~IT~~ ~~IS~~ POLLUTION

• BE ALLOWED TO AVOID THE
COST SAVING MOVE FROM FOSSIL
FUELS

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NAME SHARON ROUALET

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CITY & ZIP CODE BLOOMINGTON IN 47404

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Do you wish to speak or provide written comments? (circle one) SPEAK WRITTEN BOTH

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Crescent Bend Neighborhood Association
Bloomington, IN

SIGNATURE Sharon Roualet DATE 06/20/24

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Consider the plight of Hoosier families caught up in the Affordable Housing Crisis that shows no sign of letting up. A big utility increase will be yet another slap in their faces.

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NAME CLIFF BURK

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CITY & ZIP CODE Bloomington 47401

Are you a customer of this utility? *(circle one)* YES NO

Do you wish to speak or provide written comments? *(circle one)* SPEAK WRITTEN BOTH

If you are representing any firm or organization, please provide the name:

SIGNATURE Cliff Burk DATE 06/20/24

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Whatever changes you make to the DEI proposal, don't forget that all but the non-profits will have the 7% sales tax to add to their budgets.

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NAME Rebecca mahan

PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL 812-334-0176

CITY & ZIP CODE Bloomington, IN 47401

Are you a customer of this utility? (circle one) YES NO

Do you wish to speak or provide written comments? (circle one) SPEAK WRITTEN BOTH

If you are representing any firm or organization, please provide the name:

SIGNATURE Rebecca mahan DATE 6/20/24

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I gave mine to Harriet J. OUCC

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Duke Energy Rate Case

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, Cause No. 46038

June 20, 2024: Temperature = 95 degrees

My name is Rebecca Mahan, and I am a residential electric customer of Duke Energy. I request that the Commission deny Duke's proposal to increase my electric bill by \$42 a month or more.

This rate hike would be unaffordable and harmful to me, a senior, as well as to members of my community. We depend upon electricity for our very lives. Duke already holds us hostage to its insatiable greed for higher and higher profits at the expense of our health and well-being.

If this isn't bad enough, they want to do this without taking responsibility for knowingly and purposefully contributing to pollution and the climate emergency. They refuse to do their part to transition to renewable energy and have even made it illegal for us to have community solar programs.

As a retired teacher, I live on \$2100/month. Every penny counts as I struggle to keep and maintain my home of 30 years, eat, and pay for medical expenses, etc. I'd like to see Duke executives, shareholders, and regulators walk a mile in my shoes.

I respectfully request that this Commission reduce the burden on residential customers by taking the following actions:

1. Reduce Duke's return on equity. Duke's profit margin makes my electric bills higher than they need to be.
2. Deny Duke's proposed residential fixed charge increase. Duke's proposed fixed charge of \$13.70 would be a 30% increase from their current fixed charge of \$10.54. This reduces any control I have over my bill.
3. Deny Duke's request to continue using declining block rates. This forces folks like me who use the least energy to pay the highest rates per kilowatt hour.
4. Deny Duke's request for customers to pay \$9 million to study carbon capture and storage at their Edwardsport power plant. That technology has already proven to be unfeasible, and customers should not have to pay for this study.
5. Deny all unnecessary costs such as lobbying, litigation, regulatory advocacy, trade association dues, advertising, or the costs of its lawyers and experts in this rate case. Customers should not have to pay for these.

All that stands between customers and Duke's rate hike is this commission. Please protect us and deny Duke's rate hike. Please put clean energy and affordability ahead of Duke's greed when deciding this case.

With respect,

