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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 10:14 AM
To: 'Robert Rutkowski'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket number 20240025: I urge to stop Duke Energy's rate increases and to retire harmful coal plants

Good Morning, Robert Rutkowski.

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20240025, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you!

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To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Docket number 20240025: I urge to stop Duke Energy's rate increases and to retire harmful coal plants

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Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

Duke is behind the rest of the industry in cutting coal plants. Let's speed this up.

To the Florida Public Service Commission,

- 1) Duke must prioritize the retirement of outdated and environmentally harmful coal plants, particularly Crystal River Units 4 and 5, to mitigate air and environmental pollution.
- 2) The continued operation of these coal plants poses significant health risks to residents, including respiratory diseases, heart issues, and premature death, highlighting the urgent need for retirement.

- 3) Coal burning contributes to greenhouse gas emissions and exacerbates climate change, threatening Florida's coast and increasing the severity of hurricanes, necessitating a transition to cleaner energy sources.
- 4) Low-income communities, such as those near Crystal River, bear disproportionate health burdens from coal pollution, underscoring the need for equity in environmental decision-making.
- 5) Transitioning from coal to renewable energy sources not only reduces pollution but also lowers costs for consumers, aligning with both economic and environmental sustainability goals.

The retirement of coal units by 2030 is imperative for the health, environment, and economic well-being of Florida residents, requiring decisive action from Duke Energy.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

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