

# *Neighborhood Environmental Watch*

Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League  
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To the North Carolina Utilities Commission

I am Julius Kerr, a North Carolina native and my grandparents lived right here in Charlotte for many years. I drove almost two hours tonight to represent myself and my family. I also represent Neighborhood Environment Watch, a chapter of the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League. BREDL is an environmental league with many active volunteers across seven states.

And we ALL say **Reject IRPs!** (Integrated Resource Plan)

I am a disabled veteran and I live in an old house in the country. My only income is my monthly disability check. I don't get big raises. I have to stick to a tight budget. If I can't pay for something, I don't buy it. But, not the energy companies! As Bloomberg reported this month, Duke Energy profit rose 51 percent in the fourth quarter and net income was \$435 million, compared with \$288 million a year earlier. They don't need the poor man's money. Let their shareholders give them what they need. Duke Energy keeps increasing their rates to cover up huge capital investments they make. Like the \$203 million for McGuire Nuclear in Mecklenburg and the \$448 million for Oconee Nuclear. I do NOT want MY hard earned money to pay for dangerous and dirty nuclear energy that is bound to fail eventually. Why do I have to pay more because Duke Energy keeps going on these buying sprees? Clean is cheaper! It is past time to move away from fossil fuels and nuclear power and toward emission-free solar and wind and energy efficiency.

And what kind of backdoor deal was made so that people like me pay more for my power than industry pays? Residential customers already pay **over twice as much** per kilowatt hour as industrials! Who decided that was fair and in the best interest of the people? I say **Reject IRPs!**

You have the power to do the right thing for the people and for the environment. Reject IRPs!

We demand more solar and wind resources! NO NUKES! NO COAL! NO FRACKING WAY!

God bless everyone here who stands up for the best interest of ALL of North Carolina.  
People over profit! **Reject IRPs!**

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