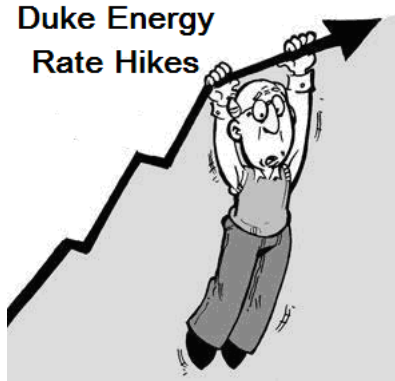


Duke Shareholder Meeting on May 2

Rally, Press Conference, and Ratepayers' Stakeholder Meeting
526 S. Church Street Charlotte, NC 28202 (old Duke Energy headquarters)



Duke Energy: Ratepayers Oppose Serial Rate Hikes

Ratepayers from across Duke Energy's service area will convene at the company's Annual Shareholder Meeting on Thursday, May 2nd to add their voices to the discussion and to hold a community teach-in outside.

Activists will present a 9' x 16' wall displaying hundreds of photos, each one of a ratepayer communicating disagreement with Duke Energy's decisions to raise rates for the third time since 2009 and Duke's continued investments in expensive and risky energy sources.

As Duke holds its private meeting behind closed doors, ratepayers will host their own teach-ins to discuss their concerns about the truth behind Duke Energy's business model. The Duke plan focuses on old technologies rather than emerging 21st Century strategies. We'll send Duke Energy a strong message that the time for serial rate hikes that target residential and small business customers is over!

WHAT: Rally, Press Conference, and Ratepayers' Stakeholder Meeting (community teach-in)

WHEN: 8:00 – 9:00 Arrival and set up
9:00 – 9:30 Rally outside Duke Shareholder Meeting (526 S Church St, Charlotte)
9:30 – 9:45 Press conference
10:00 – 10:30 State of the States (5 minute reports from representatives from NC, SC, OH, IN, FL, KY)
10:30 – 11:00 Break Out 1: Coal, Nuclear, Natural Gas
11:00 – 11:30 Break Out 2: Wind, Solar and Energy Efficiency
11:30 – 12:00 Break Out 3: Organizing Opportunities (Rate Hikes, Legislative Battles, Expanding Competition)
12:00 – 12:30 Reportbacks from group break outs
12:30 – 1:00 Reportbacks from folks that spoke inside the Duke Shareholder Meeting
1:30 Lunch on your own (suggestions and directions will be available)

WHERE: 526 S. Church Street Charlotte, NC 28202 (old Duke Energy headquarters)



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