

NC WARN 2015 Highlights

Emergency Climate Response: People Demanding Action Now! – We've launched our most intensive legal and public campaign to date. We are calling for NC Attorney General Roy Cooper to assert his explicit constitutional authority to enforce the corporate charter of Duke Energy in order to slow the rapidly advancing climate crisis.

Sharing Solar – Solarize NC expanded to the Triad and Western Wake County this year, with second runs in both Durham and Chatham Counties. Each program raised money for a "sharing solar" fund to go toward rooftop solar projects that benefit low-income residents. Our first project at a Durham Community Land Trustees quadruplex for renters was completed in October! (pictured)



Energy Freedom Act and third-party solar fight – We thank those who took action with us for clean, affordable energy choices. We were also honored to work with the Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem, who spoke out for solar competition despite controversy generated by Duke Energy. Unfortunately, the Duke-Koch cabal used corporate influence to protect Duke's monopoly and its "build dirty plants, raise rates" business model from pro-solar legislation like third-party financing.

Solar Freedom Test Case – As the legislation noted above foundered, Faith Community Church, an African-American congregation in Greensboro, began using 5.2 kilowatts of rooftop solar via a system installed and owned by NC WARN. In a partnership intended to impact state policy and weaken Duke's monopoly, the church buys solar power from us at a lower price than it pays for Duke's dirty power. We're seeking a declaratory ruling from regulators in this case that's drawn national attention.

Contesting Duke's Fracking Future – In an open letter to Duke CEO Lynn Good in October regarding her plans to build a gas-fired plant in Asheville, NC WARN and Climate Voices US issued a preemptory challenge based on: 1) the lack of need due to the Southeast's large excess capacity of power supply, 2) financial risks, extreme price volatility and uncertain supply of gas, and 3) the well-documented methane leakage that makes natural gas-fired electricity even worse than coal for the climate crisis.

Organizing Statewide Communities Impacted by Coal Ash – Our strong stance on equitable and just coal ash cleanup helped us co-organize Alliance of Carolinians Together Against Coal Ash, a coalition of North Carolinians impacted by coal ash. ACT is calling on Duke Energy and state government to find permanent, safe solutions for coal ash that protect **all** communities from the toxic waste.

Duke Attacks NC WARN – As faith groups and national solar companies joined the brewing legal battle in the Solar Freedom case noted above, Duke surprised everyone the day before Halloween by seeking a \$120,000 fine from NC WARN for our sale of lower-cost solar to Faith Community Church.

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The climate crisis is rapidly growing worse. Leading scientists now warn that sea levels could rise 10 feet by mid-century.

But Duke Energy executives are expanding the monopoly's use of dirty fuels while blocking solar competition.

Attorney General Roy Cooper has the authority to change Duke Energy. Tell him to use it.

Urge Attorney General Roy Cooper to require Duke Energy to help slow climate change.



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Get in the game. Call for Attorney General Cooper's leadership.

It's really important for you to take this quick action and share it with others!