



Climate Disruption:

Duke Energy executives' continued reliance on coal and fracking gas is fueling what scientists call a "planetary emergency" that's already harming millions of people and damaging our agriculture and water supplies. A Duke Energy shift to clean, affordable power could be a game-changer in our moral challenge to slow climate change.

Environmental Injustice:

Duke Energy's hazardous power plants and coal ash dumps are disproportionately located in communities of color and low-income areas which also have less access to health care, education and voting rights.



Blocking Clean Power & Jobs:

Duke Energy's record profits depend on keeping out cheaper competition from solar power and energy-saving programs. Duke has invested billions in solar and wind in states where it has to compete. But in North Carolina, where it enjoys monopoly privileges, Duke blocks competition and limits good-paying green jobs.

Connecting the Dots of Duke Energy Damage

North Carolina must change the ways of the world's largest corporate electricity provider, which is based in Charlotte.

Our Health:

Duke Energy has burned coal for generations, polluting our air and dumping coal ash in unlined pits next to our rivers. This is harming the water supply of hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians – as will Duke's greater use of fracking gas.



Photo: Waterkeeper Alliance

Our Rising Electric Bills:

Duke Energy executives have manipulated state law over the years so that the corporation profits from building dirty, expensive power plants and maximizing electricity sales. The utility's monopoly control has allowed it to raise rates nearly 30% since 2009, with more increases coming. Even worse, Duke rigs rates so that residential and small business customers unfairly pay for new power plants needed only by big industries that produce very few jobs.



Controlling State Government:

Duke Energy's 2012 merger with Progress Energy made it the largest corporate contributor to the governor and legislators from both parties. For decades, Duke and Progress have wielded far too much control over state agencies charged with protecting the public from Duke's pollution and rate hikes.