Raise Your Voice to Investigate Duke Energy Targeting Southeastern NC

Communities already suffering from years of superstorms, air and water pollution, and rising power bills are being targeted by Duke Energy yet again.

Just like with the defeated attempt to build the $8 billion Atlantic Coast gas Pipeline.

Duke plans to build and expand more than 900 miles of high-voltage transmission pathways mostly in rural southeastern NC.

The giant monopoly would use Eminent Domain to force homeowners to allow transmission corridors up to 200 feet wide to go through communities, farms and forests.

Defying the scientists, Duke also plans to build dozens of unneeded gas-fired units at existing coal- and gas-fired power plants – starting this fall.

All this is already being planned. NC WARN wants to help communities protect themselves by building a demand – backed by others across NC – for a cheaper, faster, equitable way to avert climate chaos and meet our energy needs: Local solar-plus-storage and saving energy.

New, Expanded and Upgraded Power Line Corridors Planned by Duke Energy in North Carolina

Duke Energy included a nearly unreadable version of this map in its draft 2022 carbon plan (on page 21 of Appendix P). The brief, confusing written description indicated the need to use eminent domain (land seizures) and an “aggressive time line” for this massive transmission buildout. New transmission corridors can be up to 200 feet wide. NC WARN assumes some lines Duke labeled “upgrades” could require expansions of existing corridors, potentially also requiring eminent domain.

**MAP KEY**
- New 500 kV corridors
- New 230 kV corridors
- Upgrades to existing transmission

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Demand from Targeted Communities and Statewide Allies

Duke Energy’s path would lead to continuing rate hikes and a worsening climate crisis that’s already harming our most vulnerable communities and – increasingly – all of us.

Duke hid its transmission plans while aggressively attacking local solar and limiting large-scale solar. We want it all out in the open so North Carolinians can demand a path that prioritizes the public interest instead of Duke Energy’s monopoly and profits.

We are calling on Governor Roy Cooper and Attorney General Josh Stein to investigate Duke Energy’s plans and create an open process, before Duke Energy locks in to its climate- and community-wrecking, rate-hiking plan.

“There is more than 2.5 times the available solar capacity on roofs, parking areas and vacant lots as needed to meet North Carolina’s decarbonization mandates.”

– NC WARN’s “Moving NC Forward,” based on data from the National Renewable Energy Lab

Local solar-plus-storage on roofs, parking lots and vacant areas is the fastest, cheapest – and could be the most equitable* – way for NC to slow the climate crisis. *bit.ly/ncwtransmission

Send Gov. Cooper and AG Stein a short message telling them to investigate Duke Energy’s transmission plans!

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