Duke Energy’s third rate hike since 2009 would boost residential rates by 14% and small business rates by nearly 10%. Duke is selling juice to its largest users at dirt-cheap rates by shifting the costs of new power plants onto smaller, captive customers. This drives up demand for new nuclear and fracking-gas plants that otherwise would not be needed.

**TAKE ACTION**

1) **Send a short email to the NC Utilities Commission**: statements@ncuc.net
2) **Attend the Commission’s public hearing**: 6 p.m., on Tuesday, July 2
   Orange County Courthouse, 106 E. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough
3) **Attend the public rally**: High Noon on Monday, July 8
   Dobbs Building, 430 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh

Here’s Duke Energy’s scheme to keep building climate-wrecking power plants – while doubling our electricity rates – to drive its monopoly-protected profits even higher.

1. **Duke is aggressively recruiting energy-hogging, low-job data centers (server farms) by offering electric rates in the 3-cent per kilowatt hour range - discounted further by subsidies - while raising rates on homes, small business and local governments.**

2. **Dirt-cheap rates for big industries drive up demand that supports Duke’s argument to build more plants.**

3. **Those industrial rates are kept low because Duke charges smaller customers for the new plants even though their power usage is barely growing.**

4. **Duke sets rates based on usage during the single hottest hour of the year - when power usage by homes and small business is at its highest peak. Duke rigs the system even further by alerting its largest customers to cut usage during that hour.**

5. **Such rate-rigging brings more energy-hogging data centers to N.C., perpetuating the cycle.**

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**NC WARN**

A nonprofit pressing Duke Energy to help avert climate chaos and join the clean energy revolution – or at least stop using its monopoly control to block consumer choice.

Learn more about secrets in Duke’s rate request at ncwarn.org/BurningThePublic.

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