

# 40+ SCIENTISTS URGE GOV. COOPER AND DUKE ENERGY CEO LYNN GOOD TO STOP EXPANDING FRACKED GAS

“Without your action, we remain concerned that North Carolina's positive climate efforts will be outmatched by Duke Energy's expanding use of natural gas.”

– DR. DREW SHINDELL, a globally prominent climate scientist at Duke University, in a letter to Governor Roy Cooper and Duke Energy CEO Lynn Good



We, the undersigned scientists, respectfully seek your action to halt plans for greatly increasing the use of natural gas in coming decades to generate electricity. Such plans are completely out of step with the science reflecting the urgent need to phase out fossil fuels, and with North Carolina's efforts to help slow the climate change that has increasingly harmed thousands of state residents.

With this appeal, we seek to create a cooperative path forward so that North Carolinians can work together to truly join those around the world doing all possible to prevent catastrophic global warming from becoming irreversible.

Duke Energy's draft carbon plan, now under review by the state utilities commission, includes various scenarios that are supposed to lead to net zero carbon dioxide emissions by 2050. Each scenario, however, includes thousands of megawatts of new electricity generation from burning natural gas, which is mostly methane. This would lock in costly new infrastructure that will emit both methane and carbon dioxide for decades, worsening the climate crisis and directly harming public health as methane emissions lead to formation of toxic ground-level ozone. ...continued at [StopDukeEnergy.com](http://StopDukeEnergy.com).

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