“We must move at ‘China speed’ to combat global warming.”
—Jim Rogers, Chairman, President and CEO, Duke Energy

In some parts of the country, utilities are betting big on renewable energy like wind and solar—and business is booming.

Unfortunately, Duke Energy’s customers here in the Carolinas are being left out of that economic growth, as Duke continues to invest billions of ratepayer dollars in nuclear quagmires and coal and gas plants that poison the communities they are meant to serve.

At the same time, scientists are warning that our climate is dangerously close to a tipping point that would bring about runaway global warming—which means more droughts, more floods, and stronger hurricanes that would devastate North Carolina.

CEO Jim Rogers has spoken eloquently about the need for action on global warming, and Duke has started to invest in more renewable energy in California and Texas. But under Rogers’ tenure, Duke has done almost nothing to develop renewable energy for communities here in the Carolinas. Duke’s energy mix will include only 2.5% wind and solar energy in the Carolinas 20 years from now if the company sticks to its current plan. Duke is shipping clean energy jobs west, and sticking the ratepayers in its home state with pollution and soaring power bills.

Jim Rogers has seven months to determine how history will remember his eight years as the CEO of one of the world’s largest electric utilities: a leader who helped start a clean energy revolution, or a laggard who talked about global warming but never acted to stop it. 😞

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