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**VIA US MAIL and E-Mail (jrunkle@pricecreek.com)**

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**Re: Cease and Desist Demand to NC WARN**

Dear John:

As a follow-up to our conversation yesterday during the Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC") rate case hearing, I write as counsel for Duke Energy Corporation, DEC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (collectively "Duke Energy") to again demand that NC WARN immediately cease and desist from publishing on its website or otherwise disseminating to the media or the public any communications which allege that Duke Energy is utilizing "customers' money" to fund charitable, advertising, or other programs that are actually funded with shareholder funds. You provided me with the attached copy of a document which is also posted on NC WARN's website (<http://www.ncwarn.org/wp-content/uploads/Duke-Energy-Influence-Money-Diagram.pdf>). This document is deliberately misleading, as was established during the testimony of DEC witness David Fountain and as I further explained to you yesterday.

Duke Energy is proud to make significant charitable contributions in the communities where we live, work and serve, as well as to participate in public discourse on important policy matters that affect our customers and our company. NC WARN's libelous representations as to what customers have paid for, however, cannot be allowed.

If NC WARN does not cease making these false statements, Duke Energy will have no recourse but to seek all remedies available to it under law. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

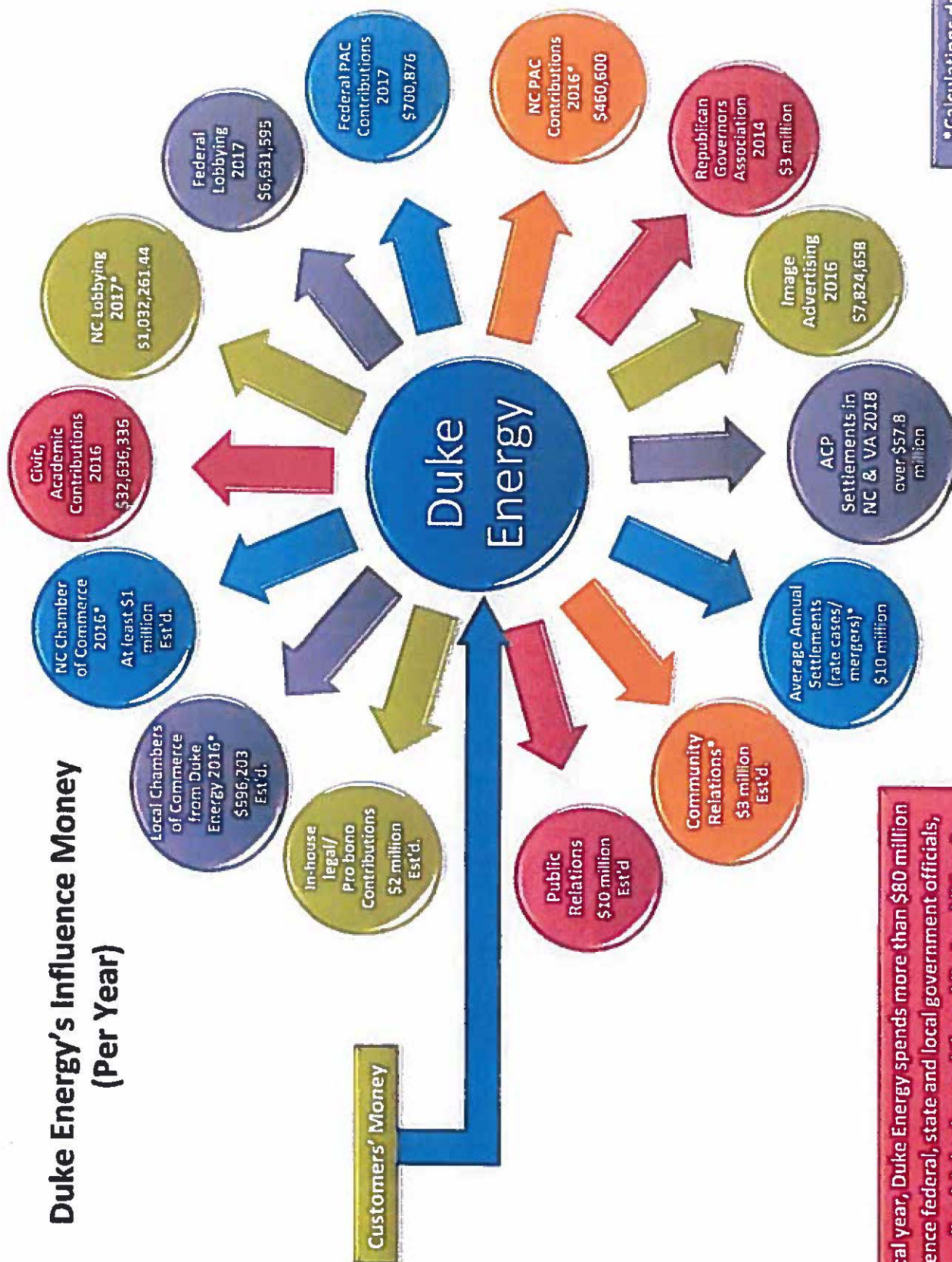
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lawrence B. Somers', written over a horizontal line.

Lawrence B. Somers

Attachment

# Duke Energy's Influence Money (Per Year)



In a typical year, Duke Energy spends more than \$80 million to influence federal, state and local government officials, news media, civic leaders and the public. In addition, in 2018 Duke Energy has already spent over \$57.8 million just on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline settlement agreements with Governors in NC and VA.

\*Calculations do not include additional amounts expended in other states where Duke Energy operates.

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