

Dear [TO ELECTED OFFICIAL]:

I am writing to you because I am opposed to Duke Energy's Western Carolinas Modernization plan. As my elected representative, I thank you for standing with the communities of Western North Carolina and Upstate South Carolina and demand that Duke Energy abandoned their plans for an over-sized power plant, massive high-voltage lines and a new substation in Campobello.

I hope you will continue to make the case that Duke Energy should instead invest in high-energy efficiency and demand management, and embrace truly modern solutions like clean, renewable energies, not doubling down on fossil fuels and marring our beautiful landscapes with more ugly transmission lines.

Once Duke announces their next version of their plan, there must also be public hearings that are local and convenient for all of us who are directly affected to attend. Our voices must be heard.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

Dear [TO NC/SC PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION]:

I am writing to you because I oppose Duke Energy's West Carolina's Modernization plan. The impacts and costs to our local communities are unacceptable. Duke wants to build massive transmission lines and a substation that will diminish our views, lower our property values and hurt our tourist economies. The power station that they have proposed for Lake Julian is too big and commits us to fossil fuels for decades to come.

This project, as originally proposed, has been designed with one thing in mind, Duke Energy's bottom line. In the end, Duke's customers will end up paying both through rate increases in our energy bills but also through long-term negative impacts on our economy and the land that we love.

Duke Energy is a state-regulated monopoly, and you are our regulator. Duke Energy will put out the next version of their "modernization" plan soon, and I hope the [NC/SC PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION] will make sure that there are meaningful opportunities for those of us who would be directly affected to have our voices heard. This means public hearings that are local, convenient and well publicised.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]