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MR BOB SLEAKE,

THIS COAL ASH SITUATION HAS BEEN BOUNCING AROUND VIA THE MEDIA FOR A LONG, LONG TIME. STATE REPRESENTATIVES IN RALEIGH ARE INVOLVED BUT NOBODY SEEMS ABLE TO HOLD DUKE ENERGY RESPONSIBLE, INSTEAD TRYING TO PASS THE COSTS ALONG TO CONSUMERS AS IF THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COAL ASH PROBLEM!

ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF AN ARTICLE THAT I SENT TO THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, OF COURSE THEY NEVER PUBLISHED IT AS IT WOULD RUFFLE FEATHERS!

IF COAL IS PURCHASED WITH THE INTENT ON BURNING IT THERE IS A CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITY INVOLVED IN DISPOSING OF THE ASH CREATED. IF THAT PURCHASER IS UNWILLING OR IRRESPONSIBLE IN DOING SO, AS IN DUKE ENERGY, THEN PERHAPS THE STATE NEEDS TO STEP IN!

DUKE KNOWS EXACTLY HOW MUCH COAL ASH WILL BE PRODUCED BASED ON HOW MUCH COAL WILL BE BURNED, WHICH THEY ALSO KNOW BECAUSE THEY KNOW HOW MUCH POWER THEY NEED TO PRODUCE!

NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, DUKE POWER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS OWN MESS! STATE LAW SHOULD REQUIRE DUKE TO HAVE A PRE-PLANNED DISPOSAL PROCESS IN PLACE BEFORE THEY ARE ALLOWED TO BURN EVEN ONE TON OF COAL!

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KICK THE COAL ASH CAN.

DUKE ENERGY SELLS ELECTRICAL POWER. THE PRICE THEY CAN CHARGE IS CONTROLLED BY THE STATE, SO THEIR PROFIT MARGIN CAN ONLY BE CONTROLLED BY THE COST OF PRODUCTION. I WOULD BE CERTAIN THAT THEY SHOP COAL FUTURES DAILY AND THEY KNOW WITHIN 1 OR 2% HOW MUCH IS NEEDED MONTHLY AND YEARLY FOR THEIR CAREFULLY CALCULATED OUTPUT REQUIREMENTS!

THEREFORE THEY KNOW EXACTLY HOW MUCH COAL ASH WILL BE PRODUCED. CREATING COAL ASH STORAGE IS PERHAPS FAR LESS COSTLY THAN PROPER DISPOSAL, BOTTOM LINE LOOKS GOOD, STOCKHOLDERS ARE HAPPY BECAUSE PROFITS ARE UP.

HINDSIGHT WOULD SAY, THE STATE SHOULD HAVE A MANDATE IN PLACE THAT DUKE ENERGY HAVE AN APPROVED COAL ASH DISPOSAL PLAN IN EFFECT BEFORE EVEN ONE TON OF COAL IS BURNED! IN OTHER WORDS, DUKE ENERGY CANNOT PRODUCE POWER VIA THE COAL METHOD WITHOUT A WEEKLY, MONTHLY DISPOSAL PLAN THAT PUTS THE COST WHERE IT BELONGS AND PROTECTS THE ENVIRONMENT AND ALL CONCERNED.

SO SORRY FOR THE HANDWRITTEN NOTES. I DON'T HAVE A SECRETARY AND I DON'T HAVE COMPUTER SKILLS!

SENT VIA E-MAIL
TO CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

Bob Sledge
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Dear Sir:

Duke Energy said they have already hauled 300,000 tons of coal ash to an abandoned mine in Central N.C. They have over 100,000 tons to haul to the site. It's being hauled from River Bend, Mt. Holly, N.C. coal ash pond, according to Duke Energy.

Coal ash from Duke Energy coal ash basins will contaminate the water table and everyone's wells

I'm a customer in the central portion of N.C. Duke Energy wants the residential customers in the central portion of the state to pay 16.7% more on our Duke Energy bill, to pay for removing coal ash. Duke has 32 ash basins left in N.C.

I'm an elderly widow on a fixed income, I'm under the poverty level. I can't pay any increase on my Duke Energy bill. Please help widows like me and other low income people to not have to pay for coal ash basin clean-up.

I greatly appreciate anything you can do to help. Thanks for reading my letter.

Sincerely,
Jaye Hatley
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Bob Sledge
Re: Ash ponds -
Duke Energy

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Mr. Sledge:

As a Duke Energy customer, I find it horribly unacceptable for the company to try and pass that burden on to us for clean-up of the coal ash mess they knew about in the '90's, and did nothing to remedy the problems then, when it would have been much less expensive.

What about their plans to drain water from the coal ash pits, and then what? What are they going to do with the coal ash? And why and where did they put coal ash in a mine in central NC? What kind of mine? Gold mine, coal mine? What? Did they not consider the distinct possibility of the coal ash getting into the water tables? And poisoning the water? All of us need clean water to survive.

I do not like to complain and be negative without suggesting a possible solution:

Use large heavy steel containers to hold the coal ash, then weld them shut

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So no Leakage is possible, and use some of that federal parks land taken away from the people and bury the containers there. I am not a genius, but I have a brain and use it, hopefully for the betterment of all humans.

I think everyone wants Duke Energy to do the right thing, and I am standing there, up front.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Marie H. Halley

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