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COMMENT DESCRIPTION:

It is unconscionable to know that Duke Energy seeks to increase utility rates, when the economy is in disarray. Most Economist agree we are officially in a recession. So much so, the Feds are now contriving another stimulus package for the country, and Duke Energy would have the audacity as a Monopoly to not see the forest for the trees. The right to disadvantage grappling citizens further, by making them divert more disposable income away from consumption, is unthinkable, as we, poor people, face yet untold hardships ahead with the overall economy. Such a move could only make Duke Energy richer than it already is, and for the low income earner, lower still. This city needs more competition here, or stiffer regulatory measures to prevent such a market structure from even entertaining an idea as untimely as this one. The higher inflation rises the lower the value of the dollar slumps. This paints a picture of gloom and doom for the poor, as uncertainty looms for the future. The Commission, with the way the economy stands today should not allow such a hike in rates for a rich Monopoly as Duke Energy.