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Public Utilities Commission

Duke ratepayers want clean energy!

I applaud Duke Energy for finally shutting down the Beckjord coal plant. They should not jump into a natural gas plant without careful research or they will be saddled with another public relations nightmare.

There is ongoing data showing that fracking for natural gas is terrible on the environment and on the health of residents near the wells. This process is endangering clean water, which is a high priority for everyone in the world as water tables fall and droughts are common.

Duke should verify that their suppliers are gathering their natural gas without polluting water supplies and stressing water treatment systems.

Toxic chemicals should be dealt with by the the "frackers" not by the general public.

In addition, it is now known that fracking causes earthquakes. All of these problems should be studied and solved - with the innocent neighbors not paying the bills for damage – before Duke moves Southeastern Ohio into the natural gas business.

It would be wonderful to build an entirely green plant in the New Richmond area. We only have 1 New Richmond. Let's keep it safe and clean. I'd love to see a cost-benefit analysis of green vs. gas, where Duke and its suppliers are required to pay all protection and cleanup costs, instead of passing many off onto the community and individuals. That might change thire decision.

We have a responsibility to provide green jobs to workers in communities affected by coal plant retirement. Duke can make this transition easier for the New Richmond community by focusing their economic development fund on clean energy.

Sincerely

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Duke ratepayers want clean energy!

Duke Energy should move forward with energy efficiency and renewables like wind and solar. Ohio ratepayers would like to see the economic development fund for New Richmond include clean energy to create jobs in the community. We would also like to see Duke replace the Beckjord coal plant with clean energy instead of natural gas.

We have a responsibility to provide green jobs to workers in communities affected by coal plant retirement. Duke can make this transition easier for the New Richmond community by focusing their economic development fund on clean energy.

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