

August 17, 2021

Stan Pinegar
Duke Energy Indiana
1000 E Main St.
Plainfield, IN 46168

Re: Duke Energy Indiana's 2021 Integrated Resource Planning Process

Dear President Pinegar,

As state, municipal, and county leaders and Duke Energy Indiana (DEI) customers, we ask that DEI present us with a significantly improved Integrated Resource Plan in 2021. Duke is lagging behind all other Indiana electric utilities in terms of transitioning away from fossil fuels to clean energy, unnecessarily driving up customer costs with expensive, wasteful coal-burning and hindering our ability to mitigate the impacts of climate change on our communities.

The cities of Lawrence, West Lafayette, Carmel, Bloomington, Greencastle, Richmond, and Terre Haute have all committed to climate action by passing resolutions to reduce their carbon footprints in recent years. Our cities cannot meet our commitments to reduce the impacts of pollution and the climate crisis as long as Duke continues to depend on fossil fuels.

Within your current 20-year energy planning process, you have an opportunity to:

- Put your Gibson Super Polluter coal-burning power plant on a path to retirement by 2030
- Stop burning coal at the costly Edwardsport plant immediately
- Replace them not with massive gas plants, as proposed in your last plan, but with energy efficiency, demand response, renewable energy from the wind and solar, and energy storage.
- Give energy efficiency primary consideration in your planning process
- Include rapid construction of renewable energy in your five-year plan.

We would like to see clean energy projects built in our communities as soon as possible.

We also ask that Duke address the energy burden of low-income members of our communities - a burden disproportionately borne by communities of color - who pay a much larger share of their income on energy bills, putting them at a higher risk of shutoffs. Consumer advocates recommended specific measures to reduce the burden on low-income customers in DEI's last rate case and you should follow their recommendations.

All of Duke's coal ash impoundments in Indiana are sitting in groundwater. Duke needs to handle its toxic coal ash cleanup in Indiana as thoroughly as it is in North Carolina - by excavating, encapsulated beneficial reuse only and moving the waste to an upland lined landfill to ensure Indiana's water resources are protected from coal ash.

Sincerely,

Mayor James Brainard, Carmel
Mayor John Dennis, West Lafayette
State Senator Ron Alting

State Representative Sheila Klinker
State Representative Chris Campbell
State Representative Matt Pierce
State Representative Shelli Yoder
Carmel City Councilor Miles Nelson
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