Hey, Duke Energy, WTFee?!

DUKE wants to TRIPLE its mandatory monthly fee so you’d owe at least $336 per year before even flipping on the light switch.

The Truth about Duke

Duke’s new plan would charge you the highest mandatory monthly fee of any investor-owned utility in the nation.

UNFAIR FEE

Right now, Duke customers pay $8-$9 per month, just like SCE&G customers in Charleston. But now Duke Energy wants to charge you about $28 per month!

Does Duke Need the Dough?


Three Problems with Raising Fixed Fees

1. Fixed fees reduce your control of your bills -- you are stuck with the fee even if you cut back electricity use.
2. Fixed fees shift a larger burden onto low-income consumers, making it tougher to manage on a budget.
3. Fixed fees especially hurt consumers who use less energy or have solar.

Fixed Fees are a way for Duke to guarantee its revenue even if customers use less electricity. That protects profits, not consumers.

238% fee increase

$336/year

Up from $99/year today

What YOU can do

The people of South Carolina have the POWER to stop this. You can demand fairer fees by telling the Public Service Commission (PSC) to stop this increase.

Tell them:

- You are a Duke customer.
- You will be impacted by higher bills.
- You have attempted to reduce your energy use and/or want to reduce your energy bill in the future.
- Demand they reject the fee increase!

Step 1: Contact the PSC with this easy form: http://bit.ly/stop-dukes-fee

Step 2: RSVP to speak out against Duke’s proposed fee hike! http://bit.ly/2Th7uDc

Learn more at ConsumerReports.org/Advocacy
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To learn more about Consumer Reports’ What The Fee?! campaign, visit www.whatthefee.com.

Opportunities to say What the Fee!?

**Spartanburg Hearing**
Tuesday, March 12, 6:00 pm
Spartanburg County Council Chambers
366 N Church Street, Main Level, Suite 1000, Spartanburg, SC 29303

**Anderson Hearing**
Wednesday, March 13, 6:00 pm
Anderson County Council Chambers
101 S Main Street, Anderson, SC 29624

**Greenville Hearing**
Thursday, March 14, 6:00 pm
Greenville County Council Chambers
301 University Ridge, Suite 2400, Greenville, SC 29601

**Florence Hearing**
Monday, April 1, 6:00 pm
Florence County Council Chambers, 180 N. Irby Street, MSC-G, Florence, SC 29501

**Sumter Hearing**
Tuesday, April 2, 6:00 pm
USC Sumter
Nettles Auditorium, 200 Miller Road, Sumter, SC 29150

**DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS:** 238%
Communities: Greenville, Anderson, Spartanburg
Current monthly fixed fee: $8.29
New monthly fixed fee: $28
That’s $336/year in fixed fees before you even use any electricity.

**DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS:** 220%
Communities: Florence, Sumter
Current monthly fixed fee: $9.06
New monthly fixed fee: $29
That’s $348/year in fixed fees before you even use any electricity.

Graphic source: Consumer Reports

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