

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?

Duke Energy made nearly \$2.7 billion dollars in profit last year. Its CEO made over \$20 million in 2017.

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>

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How much would YOUR fixed fee increase?

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

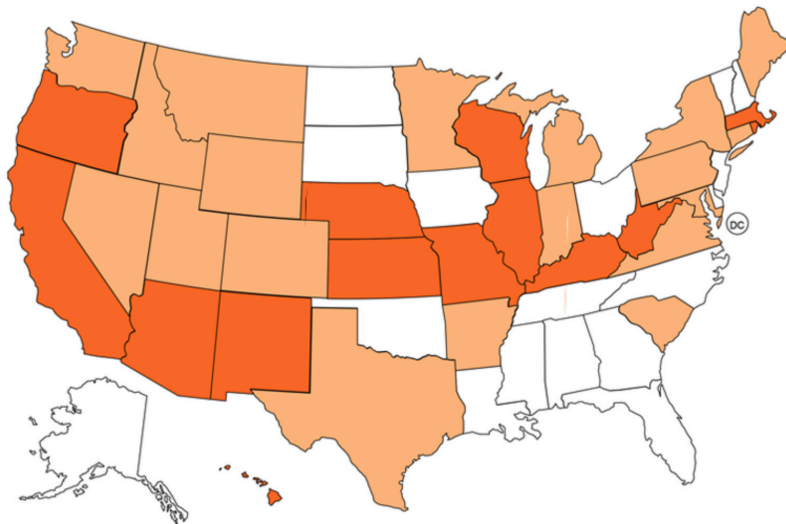
New monthly fixed fee: \$29

That's **\$348/year in fixed fees** before you even use any electricity.

The 'Fixed Fee' Frenzy

Recent Proposals Regarding Fixed Charges

No recent proposals Increase of 1% - 99% proposed Increase of 100% or more proposed



Graphic source: Consumer Reports

Utility companies across the country are trying to charge consumers more just for the right to turn on the lights.

Consumer Reports advocates against hidden fees across the marketplace.

And it's not just utilities, but airlines, cable companies, and those frustrating venue fees at concerts and sporting events.

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

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