

Key Points to Include in Your Testimony



Make sure to show your support for renewable energy and energy efficiency:

Almost 90% of Ohio's energy comes from coal fired power, ranking Ohio as the 4th largest contributor to global warming pollution in the country.

By cutting our energy use and investing in clean energy resources, we can reduce air and global warming pollution and stabilize electricity rates for all Ohioans.

Every dollar we spend on energy efficiency is \$3 cheaper than producing that electricity from a coal or nuclear power plant.

Opportunities to be more energy efficient are right around the corner. Here are some ideas for efficiency programs that you can request from Duke Energy:

- Free energy audits
- Rebates on energy efficient appliances
- Discounts on home weatherization
- Free old appliance/refrigerator pick-up & disposal service

If you are not able to attend a public hearing, you can write a letter to the PUCO:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,
Attn: Docketing Division
180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215

All letters and envelopes should reference:

**Duke Energy's Case Number
08-920-EL-SSO**

Duke Energy plans to bring to Ohio an energy efficiency program that has been widely criticized in other states by both consumer and environmental advocates. Duke must make serious changes to its plan in order to benefit all Ohioans.

1. Duke Energy plans to bring its "Save a Watt" program to Ohio, which allows Duke to make an unfair profit on their customer's energy efficiency savings.
 - **We suggest that Duke Energy only recover the costs used to implement the energy efficiency programs as required by law. They should not receive extra ratepayer-funded incentives for complying with the law.**
 - **If Duke Energy chooses to go above and beyond the energy savings as required by law, then they should receive a fair rate of return, just like they would on any other power generation asset.**
2. Who will run the efficiency programs of Duke Energy? How will we verify these savings are real? Other states require a third party to administer or monitor efficiency programs.
 - **We suggest that the PUCO require a third party to administer or monitor the energy efficiency programs and verify the energy savings.**
3. Duke Energy proposes to offer large industrial and commercial customers sweetheart deals on their energy rates, in return for efficiency savings commitments. However, Duke Energy will allow these special contracts, *even when the industrial user created the efficiency savings years ago*. Senate Bill 221 is clearly designed to spur *new* efficiency investment, not reward investment made prior to its passage.
 - **We demand that only new efficiency investments be compensated for by Duke. No customer should be paid twice for one time efficiency investments.**

