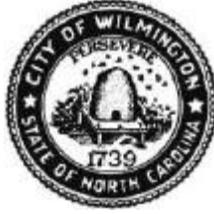


# Resolution



City Council  
City of Wilmington  
North Carolina

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**Introduced By:** Rebecca L. Hawke, City Manager

**Date:** 3/24/2026

## **Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Public Comment Letter on Duke Energy's Biennial Carbon Plan and Integrated Resource Plan**

### **LEGISLATIVE INTENT/PURPOSE:**

WHEREAS, the NC Utilities Commission ("NCUC") is required by law to develop, with the electric public utilities and stakeholders, a carbon plan and integrated resource plan ("CPIRP") to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050; and,

WHEREAS, Duke Energy filed its proposed 2025-26 CPIRP to the NCUC on October 1, 2025, for review and approval; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed CPIRP recommends one pathway to meet the massive load growth projections for the next 20 years, which includes increasing natural gas generation, delaying the retirement of coal power plants, reducing solar buildout, increasing battery storage, and eliminating long-term planning for onshore or offshore wind or hydroelectric resources; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed CPIRP proposal would make it extremely difficult and costly to meet the 2050 carbon-neutrality statutory requirement; and,

WHEREAS, a CPIRP public comment letter was developed with input from local governments across the state, and encourages a CPIRP that will provide affordable, reliable energy to constituents without compromising cities' clean energy and resiliency goals; and,

WHEREAS, the CPIRP public comment letter is an important opportunity for local governments to collaborate with and provide unique input to the NCUC, Duke Energy, and other stakeholders to ensure our towns, cities, counties, and citizens achieve our own goals related to affordability, emission reductions, renewable energy, and resilience; and,

WHEREAS, participation in this CPIRP public comment process supports several of Wilmington's clean energy goals, including a 58% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in municipal operations by 2050.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

THAT, the Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, is authorized to sign the attached public comment letter to the North Carolina Utilities Commission titled: “*Statement of Position of North Carolina Local Governments on Duke Energy’s Carbon Biennial Carbon Plan and Integrated Resource Plan (CPIRP)*”.

Adopted at a \_\_\_\_\_ meeting

On \_\_\_\_\_ 2026

Attest:

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Penelope Spicer-Sidbury, City Clerk

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Bill Saffo, Mayor

Approved As To Form:

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City Attorney