

Speaking at a NC Utilities Commission Public Hearing

- **Arrive at least 30 minutes early** to sign up to testify - It's first come, first serve.
- **These hearings are quasi-judicial, so expect a formal courtroom setting!** When your name is called, you'll need to walk forward, state your name and address and be sworn in before you testify.
- **Speak from your heart or read your statement** if that makes you more comfortable. Limit your statement to 3 minutes (500-700 words written down). Remember to make eye contact with the Commissioners. It's a good idea to bring 10 copies of your written testimony for the Commissioners and staff, including any photos or documentation that you'd like to submit.
- **You may be interrupted with questions from the Commissioners.** Simply answer to the best of your ability and get back to your point. Don't let interruptions throw you off. After you finish your statement, you may receive questions from the Commissioners or the lawyers representing Duke Energy and other groups. Just answer to the best of your ability!
- **Avoid quoting statistics unless you know the facts and can reference sources.** If possible, speak about specific parts of the proposal that you feel should be changed.
- **You may ask questions, and these will go into the public record for this case, but do not expect the Commissioners to respond** – they cannot respond during this quasi-judicial proceeding!