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Reinersman responds to Duke Energy's proposed 17.4% rate increase

(BURLINGTON- February 7, 2018) Asking for a 17.4% increase in one year is just inappropriate. State and Federal regulations did not occur overnight and their phased-in implementation of changes to meet federal regulations would allow smaller phased-in increases.

"I do not think rate payers, particularly the elderly on a fixed income, should be hit like this. The county doubled their 911 fees and now DUKE is asking for a 17.4% increase? This is just too much, too soon."

I realize that the Public Service Commission will determine the actual rate increase; if any, and I only hope that they will take people concerns seriously.

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