



My name is (first name) and I live in (your town, NC). I want a Fossil Free NC because...

1. "I want my grandchildren/children to be able to enjoy beautiful natural resources like name a beautiful place near you for years on end, without the pollution that fossil fuels add to our air and water. North Carolina is really special, and I want it to stay that way."
 - a. *Ex: the Cape Fear River; Pisgah National Park; Bald Head Island; Lake Norman*
2. "I want our state to stay competitive for businesses with sustainability goals that want to create jobs here. Other states get it—North Carolina can't fall behind in meeting the needs of the new economy."
3. "We all have to move quickly if we want to avoid the worst impacts of climate change, and I want North Carolina to do its part. Other state governments are requiring real action from their utilities—we need to do the same and make it clear that we don't want fracked gas powering our homes."
4. "We don't need to rely on finite resources and technology from the 1800s—it is time to modernize our grid and create true energy security for ourselves and our communities. It costs me way more to fill my car up than it did just a few months ago because of our dependence on fossil fuels—I don't want that kind of instability anymore."

A North Carolina Carbon Plan in the Public Interest would...

1. "**Be the Responsibility of the North Carolina Utilities Commission.** This plan is a chance to design a new energy future for our state, and I want the process to be democratic. It shouldn't be controlled by a business with a profit motive."
2. "**Center Stakeholder Feedback.** I looked at some of the materials that Duke Energy had on their website but, honestly, it is really hard for me to understand. I am not an engineer, but I know that I want clean energy. This is a big deal- isn't there a way we can all share our opinions?"
3. "**Establish Comprehensive Metrics for Success.** I'm a ratepayer and I want to make sure Duke Energy is doing what they say they are doing. There should be an easy way

to check on the progress-something everyone can understand. And if they don't meet their goals, there should be real consequences. I get in trouble at work if I don't meet my goals- they should too."

4. **"Reflect work from the previous Clean Energy Process.** Sometimes, it feels like everyone is planning, planning, planning- but then there isn't any action. If there was a conversation about clean energy in North Carolina before, we shouldn't reinvent the wheel. We should move on those ideas that a lot of people agreed on. It is time to do something."
5. **"Maximize Renewable Energy.** We don't have time to mess around. Why should we waste money on new fossil fuel infrastructure when we have all the tools we need to be 100% renewable today? I don't want to get stuck paying the bill for something that Duke won't be able to use a few years from now."
6. **"Close coal plants.** I didn't even realize we were still burning coal in North Carolina until I heard about the coal ash spill back in 2014. It was horrible to hear about all of those heavy metals that went into the water that people use for drinking, fishing, and swimming. If we know there are alternatives that don't pose a risk like that-why would we still use coal? We need to close them down as soon as possible."
7. **"Not build new gas.** I heard the new law doesn't make Duke Energy reduce methane, so I am worried they are going to try and build new gas. But we know methane also leads to warming, so why didn't the Governor make them reduce that as well? I don't want gas pipelines running through our beautiful waterways and landscapes here."
8. **"Encourage energy efficiency and customer-owned resources.** The less energy I need from the grid, the less energy Duke needs to produce right? Why wouldn't we start at the source of demand and reduce it? That saves money, reduces emissions, and gives consumers control over their own energy needs. It seems like a no-brainer."
9. **"Lead to affordable bills.** Electricity is essential to living my life but the bills just seem to get higher and higher, along with everything else. I am not against profits, but I am against greed. Duke Energy should make investments that reduce rates over time, not send my money into the pockets of its investors."
10. **"Address the harm done by fossil fuels.** This feels really important for a fair transition to clean energy- we can't just forget about all of the pollution caused by the old way of doing things. There is coal ash in the rivers and lands across the state. Entire communities depend on those jobs. We need to think about how we will address those problems and help people find new work.
11. **"Build climate resilience.** I'm really worried about climate change. It feels like you see some kind of disaster everyday- fires in the western part of the state, flooding and beach

erosion on the coast. How will our power grid stand up to those threats? If we are talking about modernizing the system with clean energy, we should be thinking about making it resilient at the same time.”

12. **“Identify other ways to make change.** I know Duke Energy isn’t the only organization that can make change- we need everyone to do their part. I want to know how I can enact change locally in my community and whether the politicians that represent me are doing their part.”