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## General Comment

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## Attachments

Belews Creek support letter



**To Whom It May Concern,**

On behalf of the Western Rockingham Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed project at the Belews Creek site in Stokes County, North Carolina.

As an organization committed to advancing economic vitality across Western Rockingham and the surrounding region, we recognize the substantial benefits this project brings to our communities. This investment represents an important opportunity to **drive economic development, expand the local tax base, and create high-quality jobs**—all essential components of long-term regional success.

Duke Energy has been a trusted presence in our area for more than 50 years. Throughout that time, the company has demonstrated strong **corporate citizenship**, supporting local initiatives, investing in infrastructure, and maintaining meaningful partnerships within the community. Their continued commitment reinforces confidence in this project and its positive local impact.

The Belews Creek site is closely connected to some of our region's most valued natural assets, including Belews Lake and the Dan River. These resources contribute significantly to **recreation, tourism, and overall quality of life**, and we appreciate the continued focus on maintaining and enhancing these important environmental and community features.

We also recognize Duke Energy's longstanding reputation for **nuclear safety, security, and operational excellence**, along with its commitment to **reliable energy production**. Reliable and efficient energy infrastructure is critical for attracting new businesses, supporting existing industries, and ensuring our region remains competitive in today's economy.

Equally important is Duke Energy's emphasis on **environmental stewardship**. Responsible management of natural resources, combined with forward-thinking energy solutions, ensures that economic progress and environmental protection go hand in hand.

For these reasons, the Western Rockingham Chamber of Commerce fully supports the proposed project at the Belews Creek site. We believe it represents a meaningful investment in the future of our region supporting job creation, strengthening our economy, and enhancing the quality of life for our citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mavis Dillon  
WRCC Executive Director