













# NC's Energy Future: Critical Decisions

## Power Companies' Plan

## NC SAVE\$ ENERGY (H1050): A Plan for Consumers

Continuing a history of limited, low-impact attempts at energy efficiency		A bold, cohesive energy efficiency plan that saves customers money and protects our environment
"Spend and build" – additional, risky coal and nuclear power plants		No new plants, and a reduced cost burden on low-income housing by making it energy efficient
Temporary construction jobs in 2 counties; few permanent jobs - IF plants are ever completed		Thousands of good-paying green jobs statewide – manufacturing & installing smart-energy technologies
\$40 billion public investment because private lenders refuse to gamble on coal, nuclear		NC joins private investors surging into technologies for efficient, clean energy
A doubling or tripling of your electricity bill		A minimal monthly charge on power bills – offset many times over by energy saved
Long-term, multi-billion dollar projects with high risk of cancellation, years of public debt		An economic stimulus package for NC with incremental investments and low risks
Growing energy use that contributes to global warming, climate change		The fastest way to slow global warming – through vast reductions in wasted energy
A 50-year commitment to technologies that are quickly becoming outdated		Conserving electricity and heating fuels is key to the transition to safe, renewable power
People struggling in heat waves, cold snaps due to leaky homes and high power bills		Efficient, secure homes – especially for working and fixed income families
NC fails to help slow global warming; low-income residents suffer the most		Early retirement of existing coal-fired power plants – a huge boost for climate protection
More nuclear, coal wastes with no disposal plan		No additional "spent fuel" and coal sludge
Continued control of decisions by electric utilities and gas companies		Promoting democratically controlled decisions that serve the public interest

### The Alliance for NC SAVE\$ Energy

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