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Good afternoon,

Please place the attached email in Docket No. 20240000. Thank you!

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Subject: Stranded Assets

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Dear Commissioner Clark,

Recently, the Cleco and SWEPCO utilities kept unprofitable lignite coal plants open in Dolet Hills while charging residents an astounding \$13/MWh, up from \$4/MWh. They had the lignite and they were determined to use it, without respect to the harm to consumers and the environment.

A judge ruled against the utilities, and they had to pay a total of \$130 million to consumers.

https://www.all4energy.org/watchdog/coals-expensive-last-days-in-louisiana-part-2

The lignite was a stranded asset. As renewable energy sources and rechargeable batteries get cheaper, more and more massive fossil fuel projects will strand billions of dollars worth of assets, leaving the public to hold the bag.

We need legislation to stop this. This is matter of environmental and social justice.

Thank you,

R_B

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