

## Consumers Against Rate Hikes

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### Consumers Against Rates Hikes Airs Radio Ads

Consumers Against Rate Hikes today began airing radio ads in opposition to a plan by utility companies to raise electric rates to pay for nuclear power plants.

The ads are running in legislative districts across the state. You can listen to the ad by going to: <http://www.consumersagainstratehikes.org/>

Transcript below:

“North Carolina’s economy is still struggling. Income is down, unemployment is up. And too many businesses are out-of-business. Now, power companies are asking the Legislature for permission to raise your rate, every year, to build power plants that won’t produce electricity for many years. That’s just wrong. It hurts families, particularly seniors on fixed incomes, and will send jobs out of state. Shareholders and power companies should bear the costs of new construction, not consumers. In these tough economic times, our families and businesses need a break, not a rate hike. Call your state legislators today and tell them to stop the annual rate hikes. Tell them to vote against this plan. To contact your legislators, go to <http://www.consumersagainstratehikes.org>. Paid for by Consumers Against Rate Hikes.”

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