



Six-Part Webinar Series

**PULLING BACK THE CURTAIN:
WHO'S CHARTING OUR ENERGY FUTURE?**

Attendees will learn in plain language how the current regulatory system works, and how advocates and nonprofits can get involved to move this system in a better direction. Short descriptions of each session are below. Please note - each Session will be presented twice, at both noon (until 1:15p) and 5:30p (until 6:45p).

SESSION 1:

Tuesday September 21st at noon to 1:15p, and 5:30 to 6:45p

What is the Big Picture on electric and gas utilities in the U.S.? What is the difference between large, for-profit utilities like Duke Energy and Rural Electric Coops or municipal electric utilities? How do utilities make money, and how does that affect a utility's "appetite" for clean energy? What are possible solutions and how do we get there?

SESSION 2:

Tuesday October 12th at noon to 1:15p, and 5:30 to 6:45p

What is the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) and why is it important? How do the proceedings at the NCUC affect our future? Who influences the outcome, and who are the regulators that make up the 7-member NCUC? What is the electricity mix for North Carolina, the U.S., the Southeast and other parts of the U.S.? Which states are best/worst and why? What are possible solutions and how do we get there?

SESSION 3:

Tuesday October 26th at noon to 1:15p, and 5:30 to 6:45p

Energy Justice: Why Has It Taken So Long? What are the health and other effects on frontline communities? Why don't utilities / regulators take into account the environmental destruction from fossil fueled power plants? Why is the regulatory system so blind to energy justice issues? How do we solve this problem?

SESSION 4:

Tuesday November 9th at noon to 1:15p, and 5:30 to 6:45p

What is "energy democracy" and how does it help frontline communities? Why does Germany have so much more clean energy than the U.S., with the majority of the solar and wind owned by local community members and businesses? How can we help communities transition so that clean energy can provide local jobs, reduce pollution and transform our cities and our state?

SESSION 5:

Tuesday November 23rd at noon to 1:15p, and 5:30 to 6:45p

Power Plants: how do I compare various types of generation, including costs and benefits, financing, fuel and risk? How do I compare the costs and benefits of large, central-station power plants with smaller, locally-sited distributed clean energy such as solar or solar + batteries? What are possible solutions?

SESSION 6:

Tuesday December 14th at noon to 1:15p, and 5:30 to 6:45p

Where does NC's electricity come from? Why is Duke Energy so powerful, and how can we convince Duke Energy to give us more clean energy rather than fracked gas? What are meaningful ways we can participate to ensure a better outcome, such as more low-income programs, more distributed clean energy such as rooftop solar?