

Community Energy Advisory Committee (CEAC) – Guiding Values

The Community Energy Advisory Committee understands that to uphold its charter the Council requires a decision-making process which is rooted in a set of values that honors and respects the corporate, community, environmental, regional and global interests which have a stake in the recommendations of the CEAC. We recognize that Progress Energy (PE) operates under state law and regulation granted by our State Constitution.

We therefore set forth this statement of principles and values to guide us in our recommendations to PE. This will help direct us towards the creation of a sustainable energy future for Western North Carolina. Where needed to achieve these goals, CEAC requests that PE will enter into collaborative efforts with government, business, industry, and other civic organizations and institutions to change public policy and behavior on the local, state, and national levels.

- Work toward a sustainable energy future, which promotes and utilizes economic, environmental and socially focused sustainability principles;
- Account for environmental and health impacts in all decision making. A special emphasis shall be placed on strategies that limit and reduce greenhouse gases;
- Advise PEC in progressively meeting present and future power demand with cost-competitive electricity with the highest reliability and quality for both retail and wholesale customers;
- Support PEC to uphold the fiduciary responsibilities to its shareholders;
- Preference investment in local, regional, and state-based (in that hierarchy) businesses and organizations with the goal of enhancing local economic development opportunities;
- Support strategies that enhance local resilience with sustainable energy supplies which decrease dependence on foreign energy reserves;
- Communicate honestly, openly and respectfully to create understanding. Reach out to the public, and be receptive to any and all community-based input;
- Be cognizant of energy economic impact on low-income and special-need populations;
- Promote collaborative efforts with government, businesses, industry, civic organizations and institutions to support smarter, innovative, and sustainable public policy and behaviors on the local, state, and national levels;
- Base all decision-making on current, factual, science-based and technically accurate information; and
- Find and recommend actions that can be realistically implemented in the community in the near- and intermediate-term.