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The League of Women Voters of North Carolina (LWVNC) is joining the Stop Cliffside Campaign partners in their Call to Conscience—Cliffside Climate Action rally in Charlotte on April 20, 2009, to protest the building of Duke Energy's proposed coal-fired power plant in Rutherford County.

League of Women Voters members are invited to join the rally at Charlotte's Marshall Park. They will then walk with partner organizations and individuals from across North Carolina to the Office of the Governor and to Duke Energy's headquarters where they will deliver messages urging cancellation of the new plant, which would emit 6 million tons of CO₂ each year from coal extracted through mountaintop removal mining.

LWVNC is taking this action in support of the national League of Women Voters' call for a moratorium on the building of coal-fired power plants. LWV-US issued this call last August after a thorough examination of global climate change issues.

In announcing the League's opposition to coal-fired power plants President Mary G. Wilson said, "Coal-fired electric power plants have a very long lifespan and contribute huge amounts of pollution to the atmosphere. Building these new plants would foreclose the possibility of preventing dangerous global warming."

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

For more information on the LWV-US position on coal-fired power plants, visit: www.lwv.org - [Take Action - Global Climate Change](#).