

Duke Energy, one of the [largest electric utilities](#) in the midwest and southeast and a prominent member of the [U.S. Climate Action Partnership](#), announced this week that it has quit the [American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity](#). ACCCE, as it is known, is a trade group recently exposed as the front group that sent [bogus letters](#) on behalf of community groups opposing climate change legislation to Democratic representatives. But Duke [claims](#) its withdrawal from ACCCE occurred for a different reason: because other coalition members will not support climate legislation. Duke [previously resigned](#) from the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) for similar reasons. NAM has [launched](#) a multimillion dollar advertising campaign opposing the Waxman-Markey climate bill.

Duke is hardly the only large company member of the U.S. Climate Action Partnership with ties to trade groups that oppose climate legislation. The Wonk Room details those ties [here](#). Notable USCAP members who are also members of ACCCE include General Electric, Caterpillar and Alstom Power. And USCAP members who are also members of NAM include Dow Chemical, Chrysler, General Electric, Ford, Caterpillar and Conoco Electric.