

**Lisa Smith**

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**From:** Angie Calhoun  
**Sent:** Friday, August 6, 2021 8:17 AM  
**To:** Consumer Correspondence  
**Cc:** Diane Hood  
**Subject:** FW: To CLK Docket 20210034  
**Attachments:** Tampa Electric Docket No. 20210034-EI ; Tampa Electric petition; Tampa Electric Rate Increase; E-Form Other Complaint TRACKING NUMBER 184387; Rate Proposal increase by TECO for 2022. - Florida Public Service Commission; FW PSC Contact Form

Consumer correspondence for docket 20210034.

Angela Calhoun

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**From:** Karen\_Pete Riener\_Martin <martinandriener@operamail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 2, 2021 7:19 PM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Tampa Electric Docket No. 20210034-EI

Office of Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
Docket No.20210034-EI

RE: Tampa Electric Company petition for an increase in its permanent base rates and miscellaneous service charges.

The reasons given by Tampa Electric for an increase, which was written in a paragraph and mailed with the billing to customers, appears to do primarily with creative ways to appear like the company is not making the profits it desired. For example “cost recovery for undepreciated net book value of assets to be retired” which likely means the assets the company is retiring did not receive the depreciation it was hoping to get and so it wants to get that depreciation amount out of the customer.

Another example: “general base growth that has not kept pace with the needs of the company’s system”. I would interpret to mean that stockholders’ shares are not keeping up with an envisioned rate of growth and so to make up for the slower stock growth rate they would like the customer to pay it.

The prevalent needs cited for the increase do not appear to be for providing energy directly, or energy efficiency, or switching to more sustainable energy systems. It appears the main goal is to make more profits, and stock value through charging the consumer.

Stockholders and people directly benefited by this increase should be the ones to carry the risks, and gains by the money management of the profits; it should not fall to the consumer to meet the expectations for profits.

Furthermore, pricing should be calculated to give incentive to the customer to conserve electricity and not make base rates the place to increase the consumer’s bill.

Respectfully,  
Karen Riener  
Auburndale

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Karen\_Pete Riener\_Martin  
[martinandriener@operamail.com](mailto:martinandriener@operamail.com)

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**From:** Karen\_Pete Riener\_Martin <martinandriener@operamail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 2, 2021 5:51 PM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Tampa Electric petition

Tampa Electric Company's proposed increases in rates and charges are not well justified.

In particular the ~40% increase in Basic Service Charge is not defensible. Such an imbalance between no-usage charges and energy-consumption charges discourages conservation. Ever-increasing human population mandates that we encourage energy conservation.

As a specific example of the disproportionate cost of electric service to electric energy actually consumed, I note that on our current TECO bill, the ratio of Energy Charge to Total Charges is 12.38 (\$19.69 / \$1.59). That is, 92% of our bill is for charges OTHER THAN energy consumed. Yet TECO proposes that customers should pay an additional \$6 - \$7 per month "Basic Service Charge: \$21 - \$22 per month for nothing. Under that rate structure I can expect that 94% of my bill will be for charges other than energy consumed. Utility customers should be charged in proportion to how much energy they consume; they should not be burdened with simply subsidizing an already highly profitable business.

TECO's statement of reasons why the charges should be increased is not sensible; all excuses could be summarized by the last nebulous reason given:

"...general base revenue growth that has not kept pace with the needs of the company's system."

This is nothing more than an obfuscated way of saying that TECO is not making as much money as they would like to make.

Please regulate this monopoly with the long-term interest of the public in mind.

Karen Riener & Pete Martin

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**From:** SHAYNE TENPOW <shayne.tp@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 2, 2021 6:22 PM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Tampa Electric Rate Increase

Office of Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission

To whom it may concern:

In reviewing the recent notification from Tampa Electric for a rate adjustment to the base rates and miscellaneous service charges, the approximate 20% increase seems an unreasonable increase, the burden of which will fall on the average citizen/homeowner. I respectfully request that the request be denied or a more reasonable figure be considered.

My family, friends and neighbors cannot equally state that there has been a corresponding increase in our situations and given the current environment object to an increase of this amount.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns.

Regards,

Shayne T  
Hillsborough County Resident and TECO Customer

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**From:** consumerComplaint@psc.state.fl.us  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 3, 2021 10:30 AM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** E-Form Other Complaint TRACKING NUMBER: 184387

**CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

Name: Charles Gurey  
Telephone: (813) 731-2718  
Email: cgurey@verizon.net  
Address: 507 Hillpine Way, Brandon FL 33510

**BUSINESS INFORMATION**

Business Account Name: Charles j Gurey  
Account Number: 211012905918  
Address: 507 Hillpine Way Brandon FL 33510

**COMPLAINT INFORMATION**

Complaint: Other Complaint against Tampa Electric Company  
Details:

I am writing to you in opposition of the proposed request for rate increases by Tampa Electric Company. This rate increases proposes an increase of 40% for basic electrical service, 26% for the first 1,000KWH, and 22% for all KWH above the first 1,000. These increases are outrageously excessive. I strongly urge you to vote against these increases.

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**From:** tenalnis@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 5, 2021 5:19 PM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Rate Proposal increase by TECO for 2022. - Florida Public Service Commission

Commissioners/Representatives:

The rate increase that TECO is requesting for (2022) would be an excessive burden of users of Tampa Electric..The current fees , as they are, is extraordinary expensive, to add an additional increase to that would be catastrophic for "home-Owners".

We are now paying very high fees during this summer due to the hot weather; now to super impose and additionally higher, would be unjustifiable and over laden, cost undue expenses to home owners to maintain their property with such high utilities to pay!

Lots of home owners in Florida are on fixed income, this will take a lot from their budget and narrow payments from Social Security Incomes, and retirement Incomes...

Given these realities of life and the social fabric in Florida, I along with many other Floridians are requesting that the Commission NOT APPROVE further rate increases to TECO, for (2022).

Thanks in advance for your understanding and protecting to the Consumer of fair pricing for usage.

A.V. Yates, Winter Haven FL.33881

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**From:** Webmaster  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 5, 2021 4:33 PM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** FW: PSC Contact Form

-----Original Message-----

**From:** contact@psc.state.fl.us <contact@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 05, 2021 3:21 PM  
**To:** Webmaster <webmaster@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
**Cc:** lazzara.lori@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** PSC Contact Form

Contact from a Web user

**Contact Information:**

**Name:** Lori Lazzara  
**Company:**  
**Primary Phone:** (813) 325-8605  
**Secondary Phone:**  
**Email:** lazzara.lori@yahoo.com

**Response requested?** Yes  
**CC Sent?** Yes

**Comments:**

**Rate Hike for Tampa Electric**

With the recent and ongoing pandemic, it is a horrible time for teco to ask for such a high rate increase! People are still struggling. Many do not have jobs.

I'm on disability and already struggle to pay bills. According to Dun and Bradstreet, Tampa Electric's 2020 revenue was 2.27 BILLION. They do not need another rate hike especially one from 15.05 mo to 0.70 per day! That is outrageous! We need to let smaller electric providers into the Tampa market and advertise them just as much as teco gets! People need a choice! No rate hike and No More Monopolies!!!