

Antonia Hover

From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 10:52 AM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 20210015
Attachments: FW Duke-Energy \$30 month solar tax; Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy; FW Duke-Energy \$30 a month solar tax; FW Duke-Energy \$30 a month solar tax

See attached customer correspondence and FPSC reply for Docket No. 20210015.

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From: Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 4:40 PM
To: Shonna McCray
Cc: Katherine Fleming; Ellen Plendl
Subject: FW: Duke-Energy \$30 month solar tax

Good afternoon Miss Shonna,

I understand that Ellen is out. Would you be able to assist with the e-mail below?

Thank you,

Angelena McCoy

Executive Assistant to Commissioner Passidomo
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399
(850) 413-6030

From: Carl Weirich <carlweirich@me.com>
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 4:02 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: Duke-Energy \$30 month solar tax

Commissioner Passiamo,

I've been notified by Duke-Energy of Florida that beginning with my January 2022 purchase of energy from them that I will be charged each month \$30 in addition to all other charges. The reason for this is because I deliver to them 10 KW of AC solar power from my home. The wording is vague, but it looks like only solar customers will be charged this amount. Their reasoning is because the solar customers use their grid system of electrical power to our advantage costing the other subscribers or Duke-Energy in general.

This allegation is just unfounded. They offered no proof of this condition, yet they want to charge the solar customers (or all their customers) a "tax" on their services for allowing solar to be installed within their grid network. I and other solar customers provide considerable benefits to Duke-Energy of which we have never demanded they pay for or compensate us for. This is an unfounded greedy grab for funds they do not deserve. My complaint is against you, not Duke-Energy.

How and why did your Commission allow this to happen? I have filed a complaint through the Consumer Assistant Thank you for your response.

Sincerely,

Carl Weirich

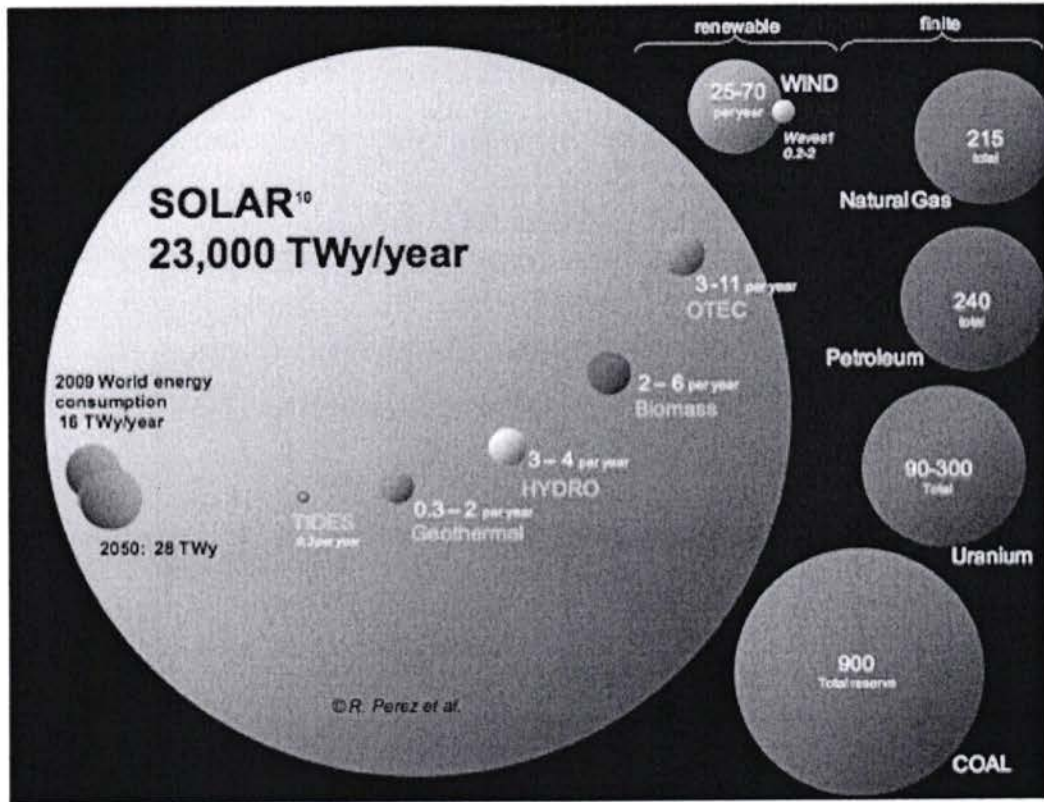


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From: Shonna McCray
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 8:29 AM
To: 'carlweirich@me.com'
Cc: Ellen Plendl
Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy

Mr. Carl Weirich
carlweirich@me.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1387059

Dear Mr. Weirich:

This is in response to your E-mail to Commissioner Gabriella Passidomo, Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) regarding Duke Energy. Given the nature of your concerns, Commissioner Passidomo believes it would be appropriate for the specialized staff of the FPSC's Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach to respond directly to you.

The Florida Public Service Commission approved Duke Energy Florida's (Duke) general base rate settlement agreement in Order No. PSC-2021-0202-AS-EI, issued on June 4, 2021, in Docket No. 20210016-EI, and effective on January 1, 2022. The settlement agreement was entered into by Duke and various parties representing consumers, including the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) who advocates on behalf of Florida consumers. The settlement agreement includes numerous provisions with regards to Duke's base rates through the end of 2024. The agreement also contains a provision that will raise the minimum bill charge to \$30.00 for all residential and small commercial customers.

The minimum monthly bill does not replace the existing customer charge; instead, Duke will only charge the minimum bill when a customer's total monthly bill does not exceed \$30.00, excluding any taxes, other additional charges, or off-peak electric vehicle charging credits.

Duke explained that the minimum bill provision was included in the settlement agreement to ensure that all residential and small commercial customers contribute towards the fixed costs of maintaining the electric system, costs which exist as a result of serving even limited amounts of energy to customers. The Commission approved the settlement agreement as being in the public interest when taken as a whole, and providing a comprehensive and balanced resolution to Duke's original petition for a base rate increase that provides rate stability for Duke's customers.

We have added your concerns to our records as a protest to the Duke's Rate Case, docket 20210016.

Thank you for contacting the Florida Public Service Commission.

Sincerely,

Shonna McCray
Regulatory Program Administrator
Florida Public Service Commission

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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 9:42 AM
To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: FW: Duke-Energy \$30 a month solar tax

Good morning Ellen,

Please see the attached complaint from a Duke customer.

Hannah E. Barker
Executive Assistant to Commissioner Clark
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
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(850) 413-6004

From: Carl Weirich <carlweirich@me.com>
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 4:10 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: Duke-Energy \$30 a month solar tax

Commissioner Clark,

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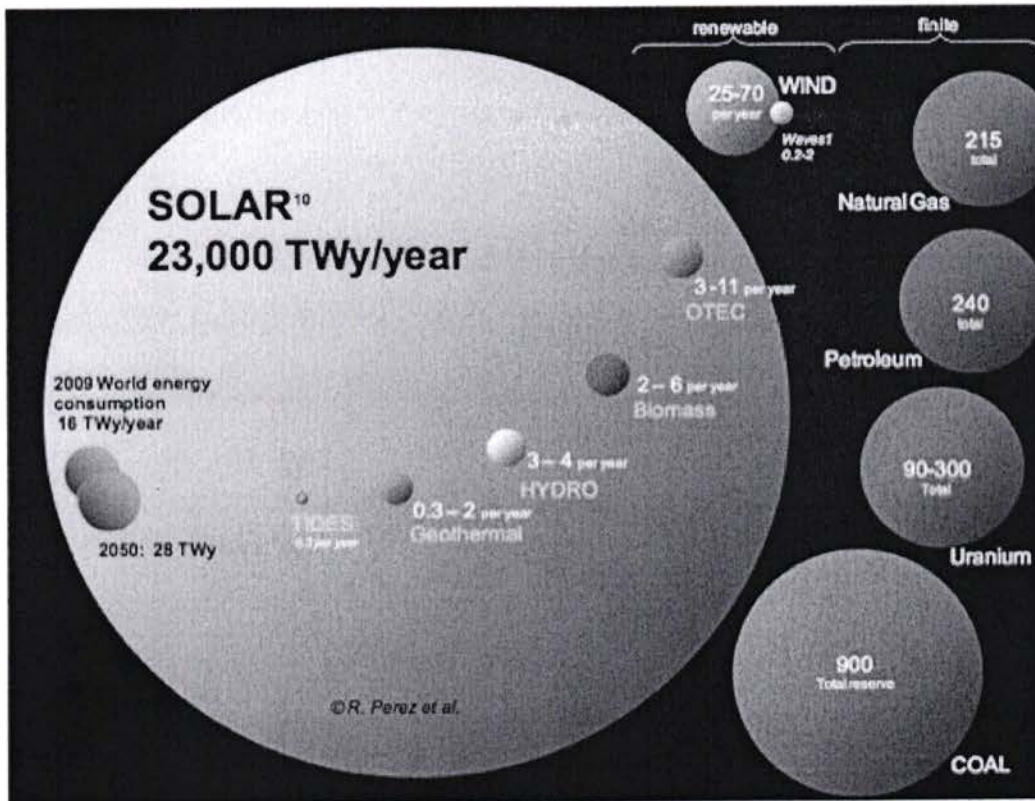


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From: Office of Chairman Fay
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 2:44 PM
To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: FW: Duke-Energy \$30 a month solar tax

Hi Ellen

He expressed that he filed a complaint. Please advise.

Thanks
Veronica

From: Carl Weirich <carlweirich@me.com>
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 4:09 PM
To: Office of Chairman Fay <Commissioner.Fay@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: Duke-Energy \$30 a month solar tax

Commissioner Fay,

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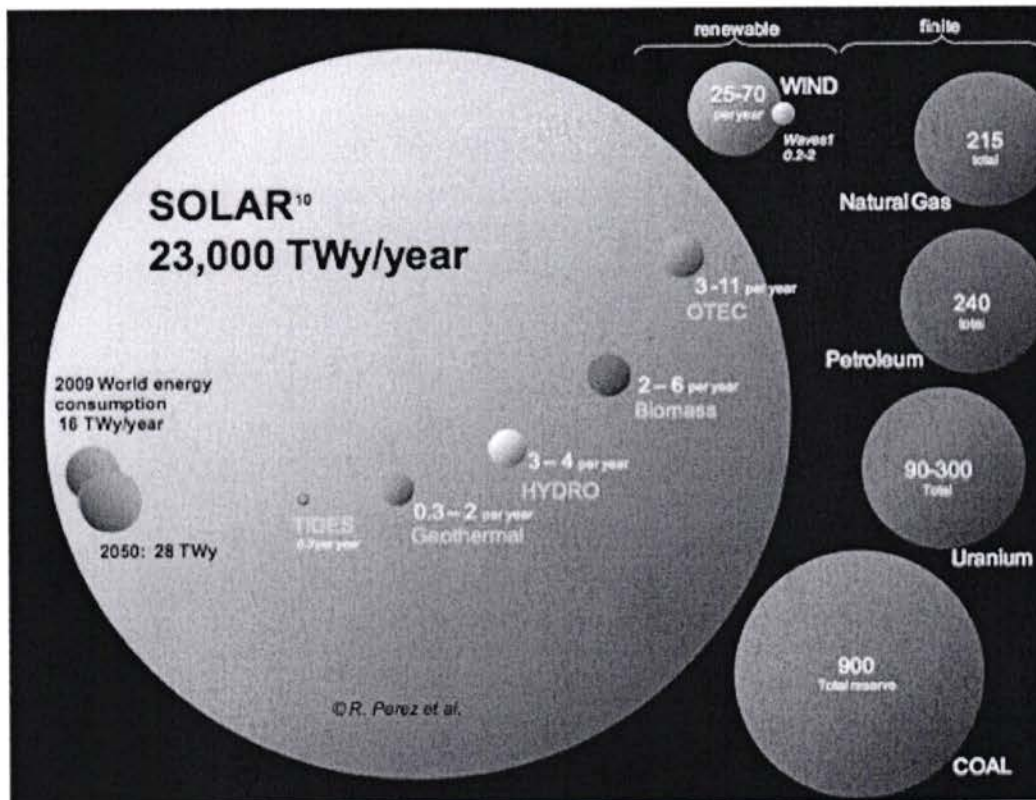


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