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# Lorena Hollett

From: Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 8:38 AM

**To:** Commissioner Correspondence

Subject: Docket No. 20220001

Attachments: Docket No. 20220001-EI; Docket No. 20220001-EI No new electric rate hikes!; Docket

No. 20220001-El No new electric rate hikes!; Docket No. 20220001-El Reject the new electric rate hikes!; Docket No. 20220001-El Reject the new electric rate hikes!; Docket No. 20220001-El Reject the new electric rate hikes!; Docket No. 20220001-El Reject the new electric rate hikes!; Docket No. 20220001-El Reject the new electric rate hikes!; Docket No. 20220001-El Reject the new electric rate hikes!; {BULK} Docket No.

20220001-EI - reject this rate increase request; Docket No. 20220001-EI Reject the new

electric rate hikes!; Docket No. 20220001-El; Docket No. 20220001-El - Duke Energy; Docket No. 20220001-El Reject the new electric rate hikes!; Docket No. 20220001-El Objection to Duke Energy's Rate Request Increase and Ongoing Abuse of Their Sanctioned Monopoly; Docket No. 20220001-El Reject the new electric rate hikes!; Docket No. 20220001-El No new electric rate hikes!; Docket No. 20220001-El No new electric rate hikes!; Docket No. 20220001-El Reject the new electric rate hikes!; BULK} Docket No. 20220001-El; Docket No. 20220001-El Reject the new electric rate hikes!; Docket No. 20220001-El No new

No. 20220001-El Reject the new electric rate hikes!

Please place the attached in Docket No. 20220001.

Thank you!

From: Clare McCollum <cmccollum64@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 7:23 AM

**To:** Records Clerk

**Cc:** Office of Chairman Fay; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner

Graham; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo

Subject: Docket No. 20220001-El

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Clare MCCollum cmccollum64@gmail.com

From: Rebecca Jamin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 22, 2022 7:00 AM **To:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo

**Subject:** Docket No. 20220001-El: No new electric rate hikes!

Commissioner Gabriella Passidomo,

Docket No. 20220001-EI

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I urge you to reject these outrageous rate increases at this time.

Rebecca Jamin jaminjewelry727@gmail.com 2346 7th Avenue north St. Petersburg , Florida 33713

From:

Dave Thompson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent:

Thursday, September 22, 2022 5:39 AM

To:

Office of Commissioner Passidomo

Subject:

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Dave Thompson davecatlover60609@gmail.com 4424 sawyer Sarasota, Florida 34233

From: Johanna Lampert <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 22, 2022 4:46 AM **To:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo

**Subject:** Docket No. 20220001-El: Reject the new electric rate hikes!

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I urge you to reject these rate increases.

Johanna Lampert
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Sarasota, Florida 34238

From:

Ashleigh Rice <ashleighrice@live.com>

Sent:

Thursday, September 22, 2022 2:24 AM

To:

Office of Commissioner Passidomo

Subject:

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How many rate increases are you going to approve? When is enough enough? When will you stand up for your own mission of setting fair rates?

Ashleigh Rice
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Panama City Beach, Florida 32413

From:

Shannon Fischer <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent:

Thursday, September 22, 2022 12:56 AM

To:

Office of Commissioner Passidomo

Subject:

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Shannon Fischer sfischer526@gmail.com 9813 Birch Way Tampa, Florida 33635

From: Byron Ater <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 11:22 PM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo

**Subject:** Docket No. 20220001-EI: Reject the new electric rate hikes!

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Byron Ater byron.ater02@gmail.com 1702 SW 158th Lane Ocala, Florida 34473

From:

Donna Lee Horn <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 10:53 PM

To:

Office of Commissioner Passidomo

Subject:

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Donna Lee Horn dlhorn2@gmail.com 7355 Thmas st Englewood , Florida 34224

From: Marni Pond <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 10:48 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo

**Subject:** Docket No. 20220001-EI: Reject the new electric rate hikes!

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Marni Pond marnipond@gmail.com 2180 SW 66th St Ocala, Florida 34476

From: Sara Lopez <slopez\_abad@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 10:15 PM

To: Records Clerk

Cc: Office of Chairman Fay; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner

Graham; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo

Subject: {BULK} Docket No. 20220001-EI - reject this rate increase request

Importance: Low

Docket No. 20220001-EI I am a customer of Duke Energy Florida. I understand that the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) is considering a request by Duke Energy Florida to increase its rate for 2023 due to "volatile" fluctuations of natural gas prices. Duke's electricity rate per KWH is currently 29% higher than FP&L (see below) and Duke is now asking for another 15% for 2023, the highest increase of the three monopoly power companies seeking a rate increase. Duke already charges more per KWH than the other two, large investor-owned electric utility companies in Florida (source: Sept. 2022 issue of Florida Trend Magazine): Duke Energy - \$201.32/1,500 KWH FP&L - \$156.81/1,500 KWH Tampa Electric - \$175.17/1,500 KWH Non-investor owned near me: OUC - \$169.25/1,500 KWH Kissimmee - \$173.59/1,500 KWH The FPSC Commissioners need to be asking, "How can Duke Energy justify asking for even more money from their captive customers when they already charge the highest rate compared to all the other major electricity utilities in Florida?" Rather, the Commissioners should tell this public monopoly utility to look harder for cost savings and new efficiencies, and reduce their profit margin rather than asking for even more money from their captive customers. I strongly urge the FPSC Commissiones to reject this rate increase request.

Thank you, Liam Romo & Sara Lopez 110 Forest Street Windermere, FL 34786

From:

Carmen Rivera-Ellerman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 10:09 PM

To:

Office of Commissioner Passidomo

Subject:

Docket No. 20220001-El: Reject the new electric rate hikes!

Commissioner Gabriella Passidomo,

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Carmen Rivera-Ellerman csrivera-ellerman3@hotmail.com 3666 N.W.95th Terr SUNRISE, Florida 33351

From: Diana Saftler <diana.saftler@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 10:07 PM

To: Records Clerk

Cc: Office of Chairman Fay; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner

Graham; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo

Subject: Docket No. 20220001-El

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I invested in solar for my house, and because I do not have a battery, I must pay a connection fee. It started as \$13 per billing period, and has now increased to \$35.90; a whopping 276% increase, even if I have generated all of my own electricity.

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I strongly urge the FPSC Commissioners to reject this rate increase request.

Diana Saftler 837 Palm Cove Dr Orlando FL 32835

From: jbc1003@aol.com

Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 9:54 PM

**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Chairman Fay; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of

Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner

Passidomo

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Brenda Bellet Winter Garden, FL

From: Marshell Crider <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 9:11 PM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo

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Marshell Crider
vjday@hotmail.com
451 Lakeview St
Mary Esther, Florida 32569

From: Michael Gallagher, Esq. <mgallagher13579@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 9:08 PM

To: Records Clerk

Cc: Office of Chairman Fay; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner

Graham; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo

Subject: Docket No. 20220001-El: Objection to Duke Energy's Rate Request Increase and

Ongoing Abuse of Their Sanctioned Monopoly

Docket No. 20220001-EI

I am a customer (victim is the more appropriate term) of Duke Energy Florida. I understand that the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) is considering a request by Duke Energy Florida to increase its rate for 2023 due to "volatile" fluctuations of natural gas prices.

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I strongly urge the FPSC Commissioners to FINALLY set a boundary on Duke Energy's neverending (and historically State sanctioned) money grab.

Regards,

Michael J. Gallagher, Esq.

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From: Ed Breitenbach <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 8:48 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo

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Ed Breitenbach desertdogwarrior@gmail.com 10200 122nd Ave Largo , Florida 33773

From: Jacqueline Anoff-Parks <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 8:14 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo

**Subject:** Docket No. 20220001-El: No new electric rate hikes!

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Jacqueline Anoff-Parks jparks70@gmail.com 7200 Nw 76th Dr Tamarac, Florida 33321

From: George j tamargo <dutchelm@netzero.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 8:13 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo

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George j tamargo dutchelm@netzero.net 9315 sw 43 st miami, Florida 33165

From:

Marsha Reames-SHEARER < info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 7:47 PM

To:

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Marsha Reames-SHEARER talia\_light@yahoo.com 2950 Brandywine Circle Titusville, Florida 32796

From: Anthony Lang <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 7:42 PM

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Anthony Lang
Langwntrprk@aol.com
2900 Royal Palm Way
Tallahassee, Florida 32309

From: Kristen Wolfe <stripedponies@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 7:27 PM

To: Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of

Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Records Clerk; Office of

Chairman Fay

Subject: {BULK} Docket No. 20220001-EI

Importance: Low

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From:

Susan Pugh <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 7:01 PM

Sent: To:

Office of Commissioner Passidomo

Subject:

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Susan Pugh flindianwolf@yahoo.com 3309 East Quail Court Inverness, Florida 34452

Sent:

From: Leora Reeves <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 6:48 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo

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Leora Reeves leorareeves@gmail.com 2317 SUNVIEW AVE Valrico, Florida 33596

From: Kate Bernard <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 6:33 PM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo

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They are making RECORD profits and refuse to repair the infrastructure—make them show they are helping their customers BEFORE you approve another baseless rate hike!!

Kate Bernard kittyspaz@yahoo.com 409 Loma Del Sol dr Davenport , Florida 33896

From: Sheri Williams <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 6:17 PM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo

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Commissioner Gabriella Passidomo,

Docket No. 20220001-EI

I am an electricity customer in Florida. I received notification that you will soon be considering proposals from FPL, Duke and Tampa Electric to increase my electricity rates next year.

This is outrageous. These companies have made windfall profits over the last few years, and yet each time they go crying to you, you have approved their rate increases. No amount is too high, apparently. When will you stand up for your own mission of setting fair rates for consumers in Florida?

Another electricity rate increase is the last thing we need, especially for vulnerable folks who may be on a fixed income or struggling to recover financially from the pandemic. We are all inundated with price increases on everything.

I urge you to reject these rate increases.

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