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**From:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 22, 2022 12:34 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket No. 20220001  
**Attachments:** {BULK} Docket No. 20220001-EI; Docket No. 20220001-EI Reject the new electric rate hikes!

Please place the attached in Docket No. 20220001.

Thank you!

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**From:** Penny Brantingham <pjbrantingham@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 22, 2022 12:30 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  
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**From:** Karen EUFEMIA <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Subject:** Docket No. 20220001-EI: Reject the new electric rate hikes!

Commissioner Gabriella Passidomo,

Docket No. 20220001-EI

I am writing as a concerned Florida resident and a electricity customer. I received notification that FPL, Duke and Tampa Electric intend to increase rates for customers like me. I am urging you to reject these proposals and not increase our bills.

This past year has been extremely challenging financially for many people in the state of Florida. A 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 at this time.

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?

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