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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 1:41 PM
To: 'Cheri Leath'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket No. 20220001-EI

Good Morning,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20220001-EI and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

Brian Schultz

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Greetings,

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 Commissionees to reject this rate increase request.

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