# **Iris Rollins**

From: Betty Leland

Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 4:52 PM

**To:** Commissioner Correspondence

**Subject:** Docket 20220001 Reject the New Electric Rate Hikes

Attachments: 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; 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 No new electric rate hikes!; 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 No new electric rate hikes!; Re 20220001-El No new electric rate hikes!; Re 20220067-GU - We Can't Afford Higher Gas Rates; Docket No. 20220001-El Reject the new electric rate hikes!; BULK} Duke energy rate increase; Docket No. 20220001-El No new electric rate hikes!; Docket No. 20220001-El No new electric rate hikes!

## Good Afternoon:

Please place this email in Docket #20220001.

Thanks.

Betty Leland, Executive Assistant to Commissioner Art Graham Florida Public Service Commission bleland@psc.state.fl.us (850) 413-6024 From: SANDRA SWARTZ

**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham

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

**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 8:53:28 AM

### Commissioner Art Graham,

Docket No. 20220001-EI

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

SANDRA SWARTZ SEWBUSY18@GMAIL.COM 2540 ROBERTA ST LARGO, Florida 33771 From: Cheri Leath

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

Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Passidomo

Subject: Docket No. 20220001-EI

**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 7:46:11 AM

## 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):

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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.

Add your name and contact info

From: Pamela Schoen

**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham

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

**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 4:56:26 AM

#### Commissioner Art Graham,

Docket No. 20220001-EI

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I urge you to reject these rate increases.

Pamela Schoen schoen.pamelaj@yahoo.com 540 NW 4th Ave, Apt 501 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311 From: <u>christyfolk@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Christy Folk</u>

To: Office of Commissioner Graham

**Subject:** Docket No. 20200181; Help us manage unaffordable power bills

**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 3:17:03 PM

#### Dear Commissioner Art Graham,

The past couple of years has been brutal for Floridians. Just as hard-working families and small businesses have started digging out of the economic impacts from the COVID pandemic, they've been hit with huge increases in power bills from base rate increases and recovery charges for volatile and high fossil gas costs. These bill hikes have led to us paying power bills that are higher than ever.

Paying sky-high electricity bills isn't sustainable for many Floridians—but there is an opportunity to change the course we're on.

Access to meaningful energy efficiency programs can help customers most in need manage higher power bills, by getting right to the source of the issue: reducing energy consumption. Using energy smarter is the quickest, cleanest, and cheapest way for the utility to meet energy demand while also helping Floridians cut energy waste and save money on power bills. It's a win-win solution that can be realized if you take action to support this common-sense solution.

As you update your efficiency goal-setting rule, please do so with an eye to making Florida a leader in capturing energy savings for families and businesses. Let's modernize our practices to put efficiency to work for all in unlocking savings for Florida's families, businesses, and the state.

cc: Governor DeSantis

Sincerely, Christy Folk Windermere, FL 34786 christyfolk@embarqmail.com From: <u>Jamie Hickey-Blanton</u>

To: Office of Commissioner Graham

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

**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 2:03:20 PM

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Docket No. 20220001-EI

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

Jamie Hickey-Blanton jmhickey9@gmail.com 2634 30TH Ave N Saint Petersburg , Florida 33713 From: <u>Michele Alexander</u>

**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham

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

**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 12:33:13 PM

#### Commissioner Art Graham,

Docket No. 20220001-EI

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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?

Michele Alexander malexander5@att.net 107 Little Fox Ave Sanford , Florida 32773 From: sandrine berger

**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham

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

**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 9:31:27 AM

Commissioner Art Graham,

Docket No. 20220001-EI

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I urge you to reject these rate increases.

sandrine berger sandrinemiami@gmail.com 2710 Goodwood Court Sarasota, Florida 34235 From: <u>Cynthia Keleher</u>

**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham

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

**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 8:25:14 AM

Commissioner Art Graham,

Docket No. 20220001-EI

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Cynthia Keleher suzukicin1@gmail.com 1831 Sunrise Dr Navarre, Florida 32566 From: Sandie Morrison

**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham

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

**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 7:37:06 AM

Commissioner Art Graham,

Docket No. 20220001-EI

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I urge you to reject these rate increases.

Sandie Morrison sandie.morrison91@gmail.com 609 Island Street Davenport, Florida 33897 From: Gayle Martin

**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham

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

**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 3:08:57 AM

#### Commissioner Art Graham,

Docket No. 20220001-EI

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

Gayle Martin
mail4gypsy@gmail.com
212 E HILLSBORO BLVD UNIT, 1223
Deerfield Beach, Saint Croix Island 33443

From: <u>James Tizzano</u>

**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham

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

**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 2:25:02 PM

### Commissioner Art Graham,

Docket No. 20220001-EI

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

James Tizzano jftizz@gmail.com 6425 Shoreline Drive Saint Petersburg, Florida 33708 From: <u>stephenn edwardsen</u>

**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham

**Subject:** Re: 20220067-GU - We Can"t Afford Higher Gas Rates

**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 12:37:23 PM

## Commissioner Art Graham,

Re: 20220067-GU

I am writing as a concerned Florida resident and a natural gas customer. I received notification that my natural gas supplier intends to increase rates for customers like me. I am urging you to rethink this decision and not increase our bills.

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I urge you to reconsider this rate increase at this time.

stephenn edwardsen SAEDWARDSEN@COX.NET 4755 connor drive CRESTVIEW, Florida 32539 From: Kathi Silverman

To: <u>CLERK@UPSC.STATE.FL.US</u>

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

Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo

Subject: {BULK} Duke energy rate increase Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 11:32:34 AM

Importance: Low

To whom it may concern,

Re: 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. My electric bill has gone up tremendously. I am trying to retire but as costs keep increasing, how can I?

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):

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OUC - \$169.25/1,500 KWH

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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 Commissioners to reject this rate increase request. Regards,

Kathi Silverman 3235 King George Drive Orlando, FL 32835 Kmscra1@gmail.com From: <u>Tamra Hull</u>

**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham

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

**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 10:51:42 AM

#### Commissioner Art Graham,

Docket No. 20220001-EI

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Tamra Hull tlynn761@gmail.com 21200 Preservation Dr Land O Lakes Fl Land O Lakes, Florida 34638 From: <u>stephenn edwardsen</u>

**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham

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

**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 12:35:22 PM

#### Commissioner Art Graham,

Docket No. 20220001-EI

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stephenn edwardsen SAEDWARDSEN@COX.NET 4755 connor drive CRESTVIEW, Florida 32539 From: Joyce Boyd

**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham

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

**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 2:03:48 PM

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Joyce Boyd jaboyd5@gmail.com 35 Oakwood Rd Winter Haven, Florida 33880 From: Shirley McGuire

**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham

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

**Date:** Sunday, September 25, 2022 11:49:37 PM

#### Commissioner Art Graham,

Docket No. 20220001-EI

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Shirley McGuire srmick@gmail.com 36 Sunnyside Dr Clermont, Florida 34711-3114 From: Rita Lucey

**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham

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

**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 7:03:17 AM

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Rita Lucey rluceyis@gmail.com 2 N Camellia Ct Orange City, Florida 32763 From: Patra Sweeting

**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham

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

**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 7:54:43 AM

#### Commissioner Art Graham,

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