From: Ellen Plendl

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 4:12 PM

**To:** Consumer Correspondence

**Subject:** Docket Nos. 20230001 & 20230020

Attachments: Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida; Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida;

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ENORMOUS Bill!; FW: Duke electric; FW: DUKE ENERGY always rising bill to ridiculous amounts; FW: Duke Energy; Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida; Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida; FW: Increased energy rates; FW: Increasing electric-Duke energy; Re: Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida; Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida; FW: Duke Energy's huge bills in Central Florida; Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida; Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida; FW: Duke Energy Bills; Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida; Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida; FW: Duke Energy Florida; FW: Duke Energy Florida; Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida; FW: Duke Energy Florida; Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida; FW: Duke Energy Florida; Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida; FW: Duke Energy Florida; Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida; FW: Duke Energy Florida; Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida; FW: Duke Energy Florida; Consumer Inquiry - D

Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

See attached customer correspondence and replies for Docket Nos. 20230001 & 20230020

From: Ellen Plendl

Sent:Monday, September 11, 2023 4:09 PMTo:'dorothymclaughlin2@gmail.com'Subject:Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

Ms. Dorothy McLaughlin dorothymclaughlin2@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1429064C

Dear Ms. McLaughlin:

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Sincerely,

From: Ellen Plendl

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 4:05 PM

To: 'militzaen@yahoo.com'

**Subject:** Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

Ms. Militza Price militzaen@yahoo.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1429062C

Dear Ms. Price:

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From: Ellen Plendl

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 4:03 PM

To: 'ellenlisa116@ymail.com'

Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

Ms. Lisa E. Hantman ellenlisa116@ymail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1429061C

Dear Ms. Hantman:

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From: Ellen Plendl

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 3:57 PM

To: 'aaarnieadler6@gmail.com'

Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

Dr. Shepard A. Adler aaarnieadler6@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1429058C

Dear Dr. Adler:

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From: Ellen Plendl

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 3:54 PM

To: 'got2liv4him@hotmail.com'

**Subject:** Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

Mr. Angel Nater got2liv4him@hotmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1429057C

Mr. Nater:

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You also requested competition in the electric industry in Florida. Florida is not a deregulated state. The Florida Public Service Commission cannot deregulate the electric industry. It would be up to the Florida Legislature to make changes in the Florida Statutes to deregulate the electric industry.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 1-800-342-3552 or by fax at 1-800-511-0809.

Sincerely,

From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 3:15 PM

To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: FW: Electric prices

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Sincerely,

Martha Lynn
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

From: Dorothy McLaughlin < dorothymclaughlin2@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 9:23 PM

To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: Electric prices

#### Constituent message:

1. Name

Dorothy McLaughlin

2. Email Address

dorothymclaughlin2@gmail.com

3. **Phone Number** 4072276221

4. Subject

Electric prices

5. Message

Dear Governor,

We need you help. My electric bill looks more like a mortgage payment! Here in Orlando, 32835 Orange County we have but one choice of electric companies, Duke Energy. Prior to my move in 2012 from Dr. Phillips, 32819 to Metro West, 32835 we had OUC. Duke has always cost more and provided less. We have outages fairly regular. Out of desperation, we replaced my AC inside and out in August 2021 and I was told by bill would go down with the new Trane Unit but it never did. I spent \$20,000+ to do it for nothing! My last bill was over \$900.00!! I keep my AC at 78

Degrees or higher all day and only lower it at night so I can sleep. I keep the blinds and curtains closed all day to keep the house as cool as possible. I hope you can do something, anything to help. You always make things right, will you please do it again! PS. You're a great governor, thank you for all you do.

# 6. Attach file (optional)

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08/09/2023

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10/31/22

Sep 29 to Oct 27 Bill (29 Days) View Bill

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Auto Pay Payment ACH

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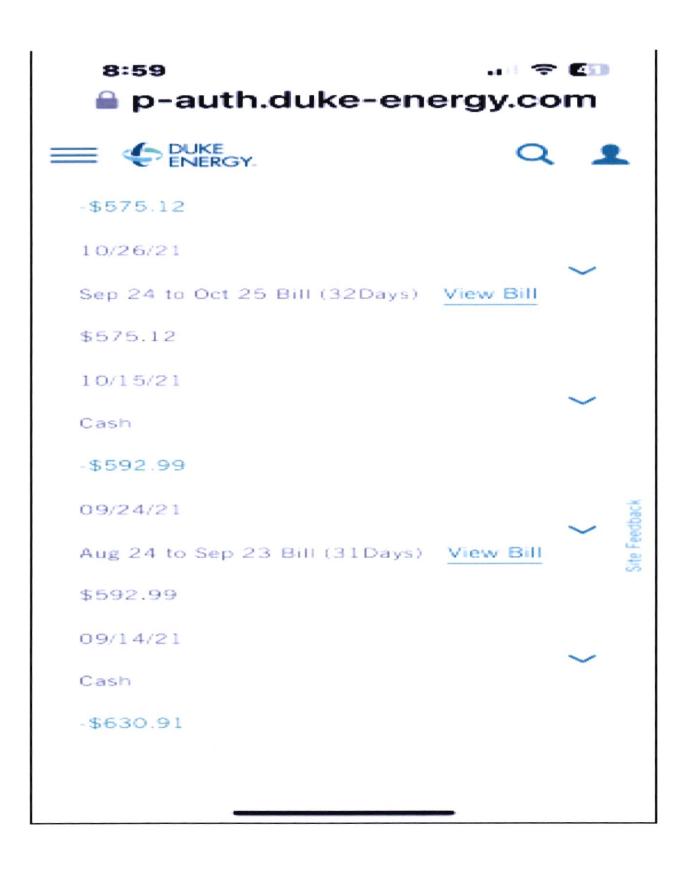
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Scheduled Payment on September 21, 2023

VIEW BILLING & PAYMENT ACTIVITY

From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 3:13 PM

To: Ellen Plendl

**Subject:** FW: Duke Energy ENORMOUS Bill!

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From: Militza Price <militzaen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 9, 2023 9:09 AM
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: Duke Energy ENORMOUS Bill!

#### Constituent message:

1. Name

Militza Price

2. Email Address

militzaen@yahoo.com

3. Phone Number

3213522624

4. Subject

Duke Energy ENORMOUS Bill!

5. Message

Please protect the consumers! I live in a home 3/2 of only 1,800.00 sq ft. minimum income and my electric bill for September is \$666.57 almost taking all my income! Soon middle class will not be able to afford the electric bill.

- 6. Attach file (optional)
- 7. User IP Address

108.64.164.240

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Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/109.0.0.0 Safari/537.36

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09/09/2023

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**From:** Lisa E Hantman <ellenlisa116@ymail.com> **Sent:** Saturday, September 9, 2023 2:48 PM **To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: Duke electric

#### Constituent message:

1. Name

Lisa E Hantman

2. Email Address

ellenlisa116@ymail.com

- Phone Number
  - 4073403454
- 4. Subject

Duke electric

Message

Why are these Electric companies allowed to raise their rates and pass on fossil fuel costs and hurricane relief costs to consumers. In Windermere, rates are up 20% this year! How is there not a cap? No one is getting 20% raises to cover this!!! Fixed income residents are considering selling and moving. With hurricane threats and rising costs, it's no longer a great choice for a second home either. Something needs to be done ti protect the consumer. We are not using more energy, just paying more every few months! Where do we get the funds to cover this huge rate increase. Lynn Good, Duke CEO got a huge raise. Look who paid for it!

- 6. Attach file (optional)
- 7. User IP Address

142.197.245.31

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Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 3:11 PM

To: Ellen Plendl

**Subject:** FW: DUKE ENERGY always rising bill to ridiculous amounts

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From: Shepard A Adler ODPA <aaarnieadler6@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, September 8, 2023 10:35 PM **To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: DUKE ENERGY always rising bill to ridiculous amounts

### Constituent message:

#### 1. Name

Shepard A Adler ODPA

#### 2. Email Address

aaarnieadler6@gmail.com

#### 3. Phone Number

727-398-6945

#### 4. Subject

DUKE ENERGY always rising bill to ridiculous amounts

#### Message

Dear Sir, I have written you before about the support of my Profession, Optometry. I thank you deeply for supporting us against the Senate attack. Another one is one the making i am sure.

This topic is not that, it is the monopoly of DUKE ENERGY BILLS. Ours has now gone up in two months \$200.00 . AC-77, energy consultant from duke came out went over whole house, all pass very well. No excuse for this other than greediness. Please step in and put a stop to this illegal treatment of Florida citizens

#### 6. Attach file (optional)

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#### 7. User IP Address

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- 9. **Date Submitted** 08/09/2023
- 10. **Time Submitted** 10:34:32 pm, EDT

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From: Helene Adler adlerh2003@gmail.com Subject: Re. Your Duke Energy statement is ready

Date: September 8, 2023 at 10:24 PM

To: DukeEnergyPaperlessBilling@paperless.dukeenergy.com



On Sep 8, 2023, at 11 09 AM, DukeEnergyPaperlessBilling@paperless dukeenergy.com wrote



# Your online bill is ready to view

To view your bill, sign in to My Account and select View Bill.

To pay your bill online, sign in to My Account and select Pay Now.

Account Number: 910080066172

Billing Date: 09/08/2023

Amount: \$433.10

Prior Balance: \$0.00

Due Date: 09/29/2023

We appreciate your being a paperless billing customer. You can see important messages which are included in paper bills <u>here</u>.

If you need additional information or have questions, please <u>visit our</u> website. Thank you for your business, and we look forward to serving you.

Para español visite duke-energy com/español



\$ 1857 5941

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From: Angel Nater <got2liv4him@hotmail.com> Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 11:51 PM To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: Duke Energy

#### Constituent message:

1. Name

Angel Nater

2. Email Address

got2liv4him@hotmail.com

- 3. Phone Number
  - 4074638289
- 4. Subject

**Duke Energy** 

5. Message

Greetings sir,

I am writing to let you know how concerned I am about the increase to my electric bill. I upgraded my a/c unit to a 17-seer last year and had a home energy audit to try to make my home more efficient. In spite of these improvements, I am seeing my electric bill go higher and higher. I would like to see more electric companies (competition) in Florida.

Mr. Nater

- 6. Attach file (optional)
- 7. User IP Address

67.8.59.180

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# 10. **Time Submitted** 11:50:36 pm, EDT

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From:

Ellen Plendl

Sent:

Monday, September 11, 2023 2:38 PM

To:

'perezd1375@gmail.com'

Subject:

Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

Mr. Daniel Perez

perezd1375@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1429045C

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To:

'melissam423@hotmail.com'

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From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 2:28 PM

To: Ellen Plendl

**Subject:** FW: Increased energy rates

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Martha Lynn
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

**From:** Daniel Perez <perezd1375@gmail.com> **Sent:** Friday, September 8, 2023 10:19 PM **To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: Increased energy rates

#### Constituent message:

1. Name

Daniel Perez

2. Email Address

perezd1375@gmail.com

3. **Phone Number** 239-476-2056

4. Subject

Increased energy rates

5. Message

Why are these Electric companies allowed to raise their rates and pass on fossil fuel costs and hurricane relief costs to consumers. In Windermere, rates are up 20% this year! How is there not a cap? No one is getting 20% raises to cover this!!! Fixed income residents are considering selling and moving. With hurricane threats and rising costs, it's no longer a great choice for a second home either. Something needs to be done ti protect the consumer. We are not using more energy, just paying more every few months! Where do we get the funds to cover this huge rate increase. Lynn Good, Duke CEO got a huge raise. Look who paid for it!

- 6. Attach file (optional)
- 7. User IP Address

72.188.38.32

8. HTTP User Agent

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- 9. **Date Submitted** 08/09/2023
- 10. **Time Submitted** 10:18:46 pm, EDT

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From:

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Sent:

Monday, September 11, 2023 2:26 PM

To:

Ellen Plendl

Subject:

FW: Increasing electric-Duke energy

Attachments:

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From: Melissa Madden < melissam 423@hotmail.com >

**Sent:** Friday, September 8, 2023 11:57 PM **To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: Increasing electric-Duke energy

#### Constituent message:

1. Name

Melissa Madden

2. Email Address

melissam423@hotmail.com

- 3. Phone Number
  - 5163551110

Increasing electric-Duke energy

5. Message

4. Subject

Hello,

How is it that last year in 2022 I was working remotely. This year I'm not home 11 hours a day (teaching 4th grade inclusion low income school) and my electric bill has increased by \$120.00 A MONTH??? Rents are unaffordable. I can go on. WHAT ARE YOU DOING??? This is shameful. I'm telling you now Florida is going to have ALOT OF HOMELESSNESS in the near future if you do not do something to stop this. You expect me, a Republican, to vote for you? NO WAY. DO SOMETHING

6. Attach file (optional)

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11:57:18 pm, EDT

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From: Mary Rich <niprich66@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 12:38 PM

To: Ellen Plendl

**Subject:** Re: Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

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Thank you for your response.

On Mon, Sep 11, 2023, 11:37 AM Ellen Plendl < EPlendl@psc.state.fl.us > wrote: Ms. Mary Rich niprich66@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1428994C

Dear Ms. Rich:

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Sincerely,

From:

Ellen Plendl

Sent:

Monday, September 11, 2023 12:06 PM

To:

'jhymes7@aol.com'

Subject:

Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

Mr. Jeff Hymes jhymes7@aol.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1429006C

Dear Mr. Hymes:

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From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 12:01 PM

To: Ellen Plendl

**Subject:** FW: Duke Energy's huge bills in Central Florida

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From: Jeff Hymes < jhymes7@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 6:07 PM
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: Duke Energy's huge bills in Central Florida

Constituent message:

## 1. Name

Jeff Hymes

#### 2. Email Address

jhymes7@aol.com

## 3. Phone Number

4074918639

## 4. Subject

Duke Energy's huge bills in Central Florida

## 5. Message

Everyone on "Nextdoor Neighbor" in the Dr. Phillips neighborhood of Orange County (Orlando) is furious with the cost increases. My bill for this month is around 20% higher than for the same period last year and from last month....and I was out of town for 9 days during this billing cycle and turned up my thermostats to 83 degrees on two of my units and turned one completely off. I'm doing everything they've said to do and the bill still went up over 20%.

I don't know what the answer is, but everyone I've talked to and others online seems to be very upset. I've called Duke and they don't have any real answers for me.

It really is very frustrating and I wanted someone in Tallahassee to know what we're dealing with here. It doesn't compare to people losing their homes in a hurricane, but it does feel like gouging to some extent.

Thanks for reading this and hopefully responding.

## 6. Attach file (optional)

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71.47.158.100

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From:

Ellen Plendl

Sent:

Monday, September 11, 2023 11:40 AM

To:

'nicoleneaves@yahoo.com'

Subject:

Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

Ms. Nicole Stein

nicoleneaves@yahoo.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1428996C

Dear Ms. Stein:

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From: Ellen Plendl

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 11:37 AM

To: 'niprich66@gmail.com'

**Subject:** Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

Ms. Mary Rich niprich66@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1428994C

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Sincerely,

From: Ellen Plendl

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 11:35 AM

To: 'jamiedoering@gmail.com'

**Subject:** Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

Jamie Doering jamiedoering@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1428993C

Dear Jamie:

The Governor's office forwarded a copy of your emails regarding Duke Energy Florida (DEF) to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC). The FPSC regulates investor-owned electric, and natural gas utilities throughout the state, and investor-owned water and wastewater utilities in those counties which have opted to transfer jurisdiction to the FPSC. The FPSC has authority in the telephone industry which is limited to the Lifeline Assistance Program, Florida Relay Service, and pay telephone service. We appreciate the opportunity to respond directly to you.

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From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 11:33 AM

To: Ellen Plendl

**Subject:** FW: Duke Enegy Bills

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Office of Citizen Services
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From: Nicole Stein <nicoleneaves@yahoo.com> Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2023 8:30 AM To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: Duke Enegy Bills

#### Constituent message:

1. Name

Nicole Stein

2. Email Address

nicoleneaves@yahoo.com

- 3. **Phone Number** 4077219770
- 4. Subject

Duke Enegy Bills

5. Message

Governor DeSantis,

I know you are very busy vying to be a Presidential candidate and running a state. But as a constituent here in Florida, I urge you to act immediately to remedy the unbelievably high bills Duke energy customers are receiving. This cannot continue. People will be put into untenable situations. My last three energy bills were \$742, \$767, and finally an eye popping \$942 for this last month. This is insanity. My usual summer bills never went higher than \$650. It was a stretch then and we had to tighten down the budget. But now it's a heavy burden. It's a third of my mortgage! And it's not just me. Everyone is complaining. Please don't make families choose between air and lights or food and medicine. Please step in here and reign in this madness.

## 6. Attach file (optional)

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10/09/2023

## 10. Time Submitted

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From: Ellen Plendl

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 11:30 AM

To: 'dwhiteorlfl@icloud.com'

**Subject:** Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

Ms. Denise White dwhiteorlfl@icloud.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1428992C

Dear Ms. White:

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Sincerely,

From:

Ellen Plendl

Sent:

Monday, September 11, 2023 11:28 AM

To:

'deddianirn@hotmail.com'

Subject:

Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

Ms. Diane Eddiani deddianirn@hotmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1428990C

Dear Ms. Eddiani:

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From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 11:13 AM

To: Ellen Plendl

**Subject:** FW: Help! Duke Energy Electric Rates!

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From: Mary Rich <niprich66@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2023 2:54 PM
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: Help! Duke Energy Electric Rates!

## Constituent message:

1. Name

Mary Rich

2. Email Address

niprich66@gmail.com

- 3. Phone Number
- 4. Subject

Help! Duke Energy Electric Rates!

5. Message

Thermostat is on 85! Fans are on in every room! Living on SS and a small pension. Rates have doubled! Show us what a great governor you are! Help!!! Future President!

- 6. Attach file (optional)
- 7. User IP Address

71.47.158.190

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Sent:

Monday, September 11, 2023 11:01 AM

To:

Ellen Plendl

Subject:

FW: Duke energy rate hike

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From: Jamie doering <jamiedoering@gmail.com> Sent: Saturday, September 9, 2023 11:58 AM To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: Duke energy rate hike

## Constituent message:

#### 1. Name

Jamie doering

## 2. Email Address

jamiedoering@gmail.com

## 3. Phone Number

5087263420

## 4. Subject

Duke energy rate hike

## 5. Message

Good Afternoon,

I am writing in regarding the recent rate hike Duke energy has placed on the area residents. I decided to look through all my bills from Duke over the last year. All the way up until May, rates were average. Come June we saw a 300% increase in our bill. Yes you read that correctly. No, we have not changed a thing regarding consumption. Our bills went from 80.00 ish to over 324.00 in a single month and keep climbing. We are kindly requesting some consumer protections against the monopoly Duke has on our area. This has become a hardship for my family as well as many others. Thank you for your consideration.

Jamie Doering Orlando FL

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From:

Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>

Sent:

Monday, September 11, 2023 10:50 AM

To:

Ellen Plendl

Subject:

FW: Duke

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Sincerely,

Martha Lynn Office of Citizen Services Executive Office of the Governor

From: Denise White <dwhiteorlfl@icloud.com> Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2023 11:52 AM To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: Duke

## Constituent message:

1. Name

Denise White

2. Email Address

dwhiteorlfl@icloud.com

3. Phone Number 4073120865

4. Subject

Duke

Message

Why are these Electric companies allowed to raise their rates and pass on fossil fuel costs and hurricane relief costs to consumers. In Windermere, rates are up 20% this year! How is there not a cap? No one is getting 20% raises to cover this!!! Fixed income residents are considering selling and moving. With hurricane threats and rising costs, it's no longer a great choice for a second home either. Something needs to be done to protect the consumer. We are not using more energy, just paying more every few months! Where do we get the funds to cover this huge rate increase. Lynn Good, Duke CEO got a huge raise. Look who paid for it!(edited)

- 6. Attach file (optional)
- 7. User IP Address

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Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 10:49 AM

To: Ellen Plendl

**Subject:** FW: Duke energy bills

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Sincerely,

Martha Lynn
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

From: Denise White <dwhiteorlfl@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2023 11:51 AM
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: Duke energy bills

## Constituent message:

#### 1. Name

Denise White

## 2. Email Address

dwhiteorlfl@icloud.com

#### 3. Phone Number

4073120865

## 4. Subject

Duke energy bills

## 5. Message

This is another reason to leave this state! I have been here 37 years and things just keep getting worse. In credible.

I wasn't even home for the month of August and my electric bill \$377!

Last yr same time was in 200!

This will surely not help your campaign.

You spend time fighting Disney but letting Duke lobby and campaign for the largest rate hikes in the FI history. Go Gov!

## 6. Attach file (optional)

## 7. User IP Address

146.75.253.253

## 8. HTTP User Agent

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From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 10:49 AM

To: Ellen Plendl

**Subject:** FW: Duke Energy recent sky high electric bills

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Martha Lynn
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

From: Diane Eddiani <deddianirn@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, September 8, 2023 9:09 PM **To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: Duke Energy recent sky high electric bills

## Constituent message:

1. Name

Diane Eddiani

2. Email Address

deddianirn@hotmail.com

3. Phone Number

7036751002

4. Subject

Duke Energy recent sky high electric bills

5. Message

Dear Governor,My Duke electric bill recently has been going up steadily to the point that it is double what it has been the last 5 years. Every month I say it's the highest it's ever been, and the next month it is higher than the last. Would you please call for an audit investigation of Duke Energy? Or bill was \$450 last month, with 1 less person in the house. Thank you for your time and attention to our concern. Diane Eddiani

- 6. Attach file (optional)
- 7. User IP Address

71.47.131.123

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From:

Ellen Plendl

Sent:

Monday, September 11, 2023 9:53 AM

To:

'patyhernaiz@hotmail.com'

Subject:

Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

Ms. Patricia Hernaiz patyhernaiz@hotmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1428946C

Dear Ms. Hernaiz:

The Governor's office forwarded a copy of your emails regarding Duke Energy Florida (DEF) to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC). The FPSC regulates investor-owned electric, and natural gas utilities throughout the state, and investor-owned water and wastewater utilities in those counties which have opted to transfer jurisdiction to the FPSC. The FPSC has authority in the telephone industry which is limited to the Lifeline Assistance Program, Florida Relay Service, and pay telephone service. We appreciate the opportunity to respond directly to you.

You expressed a concern about DEF's rate increases. On March 7, 2023, the FPSC approved a mid-course correction to the fuel factors and granted preliminary interim storm restoration charge for DEF.

The adjusted fuel factors reflect unrecovered fuel costs incurred in 2022. The interim storm restoration recovery charges are costs associated with named storms and will replenish each utility's storm reserve fund. Interim storm restoration charges are approved for a 12-month recovery period and are subject to refund, with interest, pending further review once the total actual costs are known for each utility.

Utilities do not earn a profit on fuel charges. The fuel and capacity cost component of customers' bills is set for each calendar year, but mid-course corrections are used when a utility's costs increase or decrease significantly in the interim. Under Commission rules, a utility must notify the PSC when it expects an under- or over-recovery greater than 10 percent.

DEF's approved charges include the new fuel factor to be recovered over 21 months and the preliminary approval for recovery of \$442.1 million in interim storm restoration costs for Hurricanes Elsa, Eta, Ian, Isaias, and Nicole, and Tropical Storm Fred.

We appreciate you sharing your views and will add your correspondence to both Dockets 20230001 and 20230020 regarding the mid-course correction and the storm restoration recovery, respectively.

- \* Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program --- https://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/community-services/low-income-home-energy-assistance-program/find-your-local-low-income-home-energy-assistance-program-provider-for-help
- \* Elderly Electric Assistance (EHEAP), which provides assistance for home-energy emergencies to qualified, low-income households with at least one person 60 years of age or older. To find out about qualifications, you may contact your county's local EHEAP agency, or by calling 1-800-963-5337.

Sincerely,