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Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 4:21 PM
To: 'Debra Swain'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket #20240026

Good Afternoon, Debra Swain.

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20240026, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you!

Toni Hover

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Dear Florida Public Service Commissioners,

I am a native, life-long resident of Hillsborough County, and life-long TECO customer. Please help stop the endless electricity rate hikes in Florida.

Tampa Electric (TECO) has raised residential rates by 62% in the last four years. TECO's petition (Docket #20240026) unfairly burdens residential customers and asks for a return on equity well above the national average. Residential customers need protection from these never-ending rate hikes.

As a residential customer, I have participated in nearly every energy saving program ever offered by TECO, from energy audits to Prime Time (agreeing to peak hour brownouts). I've done all I can to reduce my energy consumption. Yet now I'm expected to subsidize businesses and stock holders profit margins?

Our families need access to clean, affordable energy, and TECO's rate case shows their intent to further invest in dirty energy and make energy more expensive. TECO customers already pay some of the highest bills in the country. We can't afford to be padding the pockets of shareholders while we are just trying to keep the lights on.

Also, we need more access to the process. One in-district hearing on a weekday morning is not accessible to most of Tampa Electric's ratepayers. We need more opportunities to take part in the process.

Please oppose Tampa Electric's petition for rate increase (Docket#20240026), hold more in-district hearings, and ensure that Florida families are protected in the process.

Sincerely,

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