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Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 3:16 PM
To: 'Deborah Melendez'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket #20240026

Good Afternoon, Deborah Melendez.

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!

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Dear Florida Public Service Commissioners,

We need your help to 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.

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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