## **Hiep Nguyen**

From: Hiep Nguyen on behalf of Records Clerk

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 8:37 AM Sent:

'Melinda Stortenbecker' To: Subject: RE: Duke rate hike

Good morning Melinda Stortenbecker,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20240025, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you,

Hiep Nouyer

Commission Deputy Clerk II Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399 Phone: (850) 413-6746

From: Melinda Stortenbecker <msstort@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, May 25, 2024 5:46 PM

To: Records Clerk < CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>

Subject: Duke rate hike

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Do not approve Duke Energy's request for a \$820 million increase.

Do not allow them to raise rates by 27% over the next three years. None of us have gotten an increase near to that level and it can't be justified.

Do not all them to add \$2.56 more to the \$30 per month fixed customer charge, which is unrelated to electric usage. That's like a restaurant adding a surcharge for a customer walking in the door and is ridiculous. In fact, that charge should be deleted altogether.

This rate hike will burden households already struggling and suffering with rising costs, possibly resulting in deadly consequences to people suffering in the heat.

They still owe us for the power station they never built and are trying to make us pay for the defunct Crystal River per plant. That should have been accounted for in the purchase.

Sincerely

Melinda Stortenbecker