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**From:** Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Friday, May 31, 2024 2:42 PM  
**To:** 'Lisa Presnail'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Objection-Duke Energy Rate Increase-20240025

Good afternoon Lisa Presnail,

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.

Best regards,

*Charlie Smith II*

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**Subject:** Objection-Duke Energy Rate Increase-20240025

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Hello, I am a long time home owner in St. Pete, Historic Kenwood. I object to the proposed/requested increase by Duke, for the following reasons:

1) Concealment.. I regret not being involved in or having any feedback about the horrible and tragic destruction of trees in order to install the ugly eyesores (towering steel poles) they call improvement. When this debate was happening, did Duke announce that not only would they be killing the trees, wiping out neighborhood charm but also, oh, they don't intend to pay for it? I suspect it was not part of, or it was not made clear, during this debate. I am sadly unclear and regret not knowing the details, but I assume you do. Was it known before the improvements happened?

2) Capital Allowances should come into play here, or better planning, perhaps their own austerity program, reducing profit forecasts, perhaps losing a little equity, something other than making the citizens pay for the big

plans of a very big company. The cost associated with the company's improvements that are made in order to guarantee their future relevance and profits should not be passed on to the customer.

3) Most Important To Me: They destroyed and took every tree in their path, in order to 'improve' the delivery of their product, in order to increase their profit. It is literally hotter on my street since the towers went in, and I am 2 streets away from the devastation...so now I have higher bills to keep cool because of the loss of trees, and they want to bill us on top of this horrific situation? I would consider paying for reduction in their improvements if it meant we could have more trees and green space that kept us naturally cooler, healthier (and happier) The situation is so backward, I cannot afford solar, they refuse to cooperate with good will in this direction, roadblocks everywhere, and they kill everything green and this action is **in fact** adding to their profit, higher bills. It is madness that we don't demand more from them...?

I plan to attend the hearing on June 12, please advise if you need or want anything further from me for my objection to be considered.

Thank you,

Lisa

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