Hiep Nguyen

From: Hiep Nguyen on behalf of Records Clerk

Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 8:37 AM To: 'leliabarks@gmail.com'

Subject: RE: TECO's Rate Increase request

Good morning Lelia Barks,

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,

Hiep Nguyen

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I oppose TECO/Emera's rate increase proposal.

If approved, the average customer will pay \$160.93 a month in January 2025, an increase of 62% since January 2019 — well over twice the rate of inflation over that period.

Specifically, TECO is requesting a 50.7% increase in base rates and an 8.8-12.6% increase for electricity generation.

This is a monopoly and is unacceptable. Please deny this gouging of the public who are dependent on TECO for power.

Best regards,

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