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From: Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 9:37 AM
To: 'Molli Gard'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Duke Rate Hikes

Good morning Molli McGuire,

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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From: Molli Gard <meg09e@gmail.com>
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To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Duke Rate Hikes

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I vehemently oppose Duke Energy's proposed rate hikes.

Last year, I overpaid my final bill by \$200. It took 3 months, endless phone calls, and finally only a complaint to the public service commission got them to refund my money. Where was that money sitting for those 3 months if not in an interest bearing account? How much interest do they make off other customers to whom they owe money?

Duke is a publicly traded Fortune 150 company raking in profits on the backs of Florida Citizens. In Quarter 1 of 2024, Duke reported a net income available to stockholders of over [\\$1 billion](#). Duke's only interest is increasing its returns to shareholders.

Floridians have **no choice** in their utility company, yet they are allowed to rake in massive profits at the expense of our most vulnerable. We are at the mercy of a billion dollar corporation with no end to their greed. Their request rate hikes must be denied in the interest of the public good.

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