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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:46 AM
To: 'math@tampabay.rr.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Proposed TECO rate hike/ re: Docket #20240026

Good Morning, Henry Thuemler.

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!

Toni Hover

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Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2024 8:40 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Proposed TECO rate hike/ re: Docket #20240026
Importance: High

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Dear PSC:

I am writing to express my complete opposition to the proposed rate hike by TECO. This initial phase of rate increases, which will be implemented in phases over the next 3-4 years, looks to raise my basic rates by over \$10 per month. Before they charge me for electricity. Then, my rate will go up additionally by around \$9.40/month if I use over 1000 kwh per month. So if approved I will be paying somewhere around 160.00 + per month in January 2025. This rate increase will be on top of whatever our usual bill is; so I am worried that on my budget I will be in a very bad economic state trying to pay this increase and not see my family suffer from extreme weather conditions at the same time. This is being done to give large corporations a break on their energy costs?? Do they not get any discounts already? And isn't it sensible to assume they have a bigger bank account than we do?

Walmart, Publix, TIA, Chase, Bank of America, Raytheon, USAA Insurance, etc., are more than likely getting perks already and saving lots of fees that the working class does not receive. The basic proposed rate amounts, if approved, would cost me, right now, more than \$1900 a year more for electricity. And that increase is just for the first year! By the 3rd year I may be paying \$172.00 +/-.

This is NOT just, fair, nor equitable.

This is a heavy imposition on us.

And Why?

-so a fracked gas plant can be built at MacDill AFB ?

-To increase investors ROE to 11.5%?

Last year TECO customers paid the **3rd highest rates for electricity in the NATION!** Isn't that enough?

Everything else is going up; homeowners and auto insurance is already trying to bury us.

Don't allow TECO to take even more than they need or deserve.

I oppose this rate increase request one-hundred percent, and ask that you consider this in your final decision.

Sincerely,

Henry Ronald Thuemler

TECO customer and life-long resident of Hillsborough County

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