

Brian Schultz

From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 7:55 AM
To: 'Phil Compton'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: docket 20240026-EI

Good Morning,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20240026-EI and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

Brian Schultz

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From: Phil Compton <pmcomptonfl@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 2:47 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: docket 20240026-EI

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These comments are also to be delivered today, Tuesday, as a participant in the online hearing.

My name is Philip Compton, my TECO service address is [1430 East Park Circle, Tampa, 33604](#).

I object to TECO's requested base rate increase. My wife and I are retired and live on a fixed income. While we worked we invested in making our home as energy efficient as possible. We chose to build it under mature oak trees that provide shade. We installed a metal roof and triple pane windows and chose the most efficient air conditioning there is, 17 SEER rated units. Because we're shaded, we can't reduce our bill with solar as many have. We do everything we can to keep our bill as low as possible and, as our reward, we will be punished by TECO as they raise our base rate, which with our efficient home is a relatively higher percentage of our bill, while they ask to keep their base rate lower for businesses that may do none of the things we have to reduce their demand.

I'm tired of TECO's lame excuses. Tired of being one of 1/3 of Emera's customers, but a source of two thirds of Emera's profits. Tired of TECO getting a guaranteed profit far higher than the 9% national average and now asking to increase that to 11.5%. Tired of TECO still burning coal and getting three quarters of their energy from gas, which could tomorrow zoom back up in price, yet still wanting to build a new gas plant. And I'm insulted by their request for half a billion dollars to build a new headquarters on high ground so they can escape the rising sea level their coal and gas burning are helping create. Please turn down TECO's request and tell them to get serious about reducing costs by investing more in the fuel with zero fuel cost: solar.