## **Hiep Nguyen**

From: Hiep Nguyen on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 8:49 AM

To: 'Ruben Vargas'

Subject: RE: Keep Tampa Electric (TECO) Rates Down Docket# 20240026

Good morning Ruben Vargas,

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

Commission Deputy Clerk II Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399 Phone: (850) 413-6746

 $\textbf{From:}\ jr. vargas. ruben=gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io < jr. vargas. ruben=gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io > \textbf{On Behalf}\ and behalf = from: from a finite of the control of the contr$ 

Of Ruben Vargas

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2024 9:54 PM **To:** Records Clerk < CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>

Subject: Keep Tampa Electric (TECO) Rates Down Docket# 20240026

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

Dear PSC Member,

As a concerned TECO customer [and AARP member in Florida], I am writing to express my opposition to TECO's proposed rate increase.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact of a rate increase on Florida residents, particularly the most vulnerable among us. With the rising costs of living, including healthcare and housing, a hike in utility rates would decrease our quality of life.

I ask that you prioritize the interests of consumers over corporate greed and reject TECO's proposed increase to the return on equity and fixed customer charge. This is pure profit that customers should not have to pay for. Now more than ever, it is crucial to ensure that essential services remain affordable and accessible to all Floridians.

Thank you for your careful consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruben Vargas

1073 Cambridge Drive Winter Haven FL, 33881-9741