

**Brian Schultz**

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**From:** Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2024 7:18 AM  
**To:** 'Thomas Ludwig'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Keep Duke Rates Down Docket #20240025

Good Morning,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20240025-EI and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

*Brian Schultz*

Commission Deputy Clerk II  
Florida Public Service Commission  
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**From:** tomludwig52@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io <tomludwig52@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io> **On Behalf Of** Thomas Ludwig  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2024 4:23 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
**Subject:** Keep Duke Rates Down Docket #20240025

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Dear PSC Member,

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

I also would like you to consider reducing the minimum charge per month from \$35 back to \$10. It makes it very hard to justify the renewable energy we added to our house in the form of Solar Panels. You should be encouraging residents to put in renewable energy to keep your capital investment down.

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 Duke Energy'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,

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