

Brian Schultz

From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 7:25 AM
To: 'Nicky Baker'
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

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Florida Public Service Commission
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To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Keep Duke Rates Down Docket #20240025

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Dear PSC Member,

I have been a Duke Energy customer for 14 years [and am now an AARP member in Florida]. I am writing to express my opposition to Duke Energy's proposed rate increase.

I'm hereby urging you to carefully consider the impact a rate increase would have 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. Rates have already risen considerably over the last 2 to 3 years. Yet another hike would be extremely difficult, if not insufferable, for many Floridians.

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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