

Charlie Smith

From: Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 1:47 PM
To: 'Betty Lewis'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Keep Tampa Electric (TECO) Rates Down Docket# 20240026

Good afternoon Betty Lewis,

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.

Best regards,

Charlie Smith II

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Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 10:00 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Keep Tampa Electric (TECO) Rates Down Docket# 20240026

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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 moved to Florida in January 2021, I live in a manufactured home. My lot rent has increased 36.9% during this time. My home insurance has risen approximately \$400 per year. If you live in Florida, you already know about food and gasoline prices that have skyrocketed in the past 3 years. Those of us on fixed incomes can't afford to live here nor can we afford to move.

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,

Betty Lewis
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