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**To:** 'Thomas Ramage'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** FW: Comment DEF docket 20240025-EI  
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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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Dear Florida, Public Service Commission,

Good afternoon, I was at this morning's meeting at the Auditorium in Inverness and had to leave before it was my turn to speak. I wanted to send my thoughts on the potential increase to Duke Energy consumers. My first thought is that businesses that I know have to plan ahead for maintenance and upgrades as time wears on equipment and equipment becomes outdated. Sometimes new equipment is purchased because it will decrease cost and therefore increase profits over time. I am not sure if I understand how the consumers are responsible to cover the costs of upgrades for duke energy. I am not saying that the operation cost does not go up and I agree it will cause a price increase for the

consumer. However, this is a stepped increase over 3 years averaging 8.04 per consumer. Will this stop regular rate increases for inflation or cost of business? And what about when the 3 years are up, will there then be a rate increase for the cost of business?

At this time in America's economic situation, moral decline, and a world that is on fire, we have seen a spiral downward in just 3.5 short years. Without adequate data (length of years) to determine its true feasibility of Green Energy. An experiment with the consumer's money for climate change is a theory at best. Not to mention the burden customers are feeling with price hikes all around them. Hernando county has just sent notice to residents for a hike in solid waste, and I am sure there will be other utilities calling to raise our cost. Just eating and gas to go to work is an overwhelming burden.

The people who are backing and pushing for "Green Energy" are responsible for the decline in America and do not seem to want to stop until they have eliminated the American dream.

Europe jumped into Green Energy and are now backing out as they are not seeing the benefits promised, but rather regression in their country. Let us hold off for a change in energy production and the "Big Green Experiment" in such uncertain times. Without going into detail, I will make mention of the "rebate" being pushed. Rebate is the cover word for tax dollars that will be offered to DEF, LLC for pushing this Green Energy Agenda. So now we pay an increase on our monthly bill and send our tax dollars as a bonus!

There are other examples of Green Energy we can look at.

[Germany's Green Energy Disaster](#): A Cautionary Tale for World Leaders

In 2000 Germany passed a major green initiative which forced providers to purchase renewable energy at exorbitant fixed prices and feed that power through their grids for a period of twenty years. Promulgated by a Socialist-Green coalition government – this initiative has since been embraced by Germany's Conservative-Liberal majority, led by Chancellor Angela Merkel. In fact, Merkel has doubled down on Germany's renewable energy push in the wake of the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster in Japan – ramping up the government's plan to phase in renewables while taking the country's nuclear power industry offline.

Merkel's government shutdown eight reactors in the immediate aftermath of the Fukushima disaster (which was caused by a tsunami – a threat Germany is not exposed to) and has vowed to shut down all remaining nuclear facilities by 2022. The problem? Despite heavy government subsidization, renewable energies simply are not filling the void.

"After deciding to exit nuclear energy, it seems as if Ms. Merkel's coalition stopped its work," a former German environmental minister [told](#) *The New York Times* last year. "There is great danger that this project will fail, with devastating economic and social consequences."

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"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose".  
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Warm regards,

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