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From:Antonia Hover on behalf of Records ClerkSent:Friday, June 14, 2024 8:56 AMTo:'Mark Banschbach, OFS'Cc:Consumer ContactSubject:RE: Docket #20240026-EI

Good Morning, Mark Banschbach.

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!

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TO Whom it may concern,

We are not in favor of the proposed rate increase by TECO.

We also believe they are being disingenuous in their statements that

they are in need of extra funding to increase services or reduce customers bills. Their statements about their opportunities to connect people with funding assistance is great for those who are not on public assistance but does nothing for a majority of their customer base. The opportunity to make payments is nothing more than a ploy to appear as though they are trying to help , but in truth is nothing more than allowing people to get further behind and pay the rate increases they are stating they need.

Emera the parent company that purchased Tampa electic has seen nothing but increases in both sales and earnngs revenues (net profits) since purchasing TECO a few years ago. It is

unconscionable for TECO to cry poor when it is obvious that this is just another money grab from those who certainly do not need to be even further burdened in light of our current inflation.

THank you ! Mark

Mark R. Banschbach, OFS

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