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**From:** Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Friday, June 14, 2024 8:30 AM  
**To:** 'Jesse Laing'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: docket number: 20240026-EI

Good Morning, Jesse Laing.

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!

*Toni Hover*

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**Subject:** docket number: 20240026-EI

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Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to TECO's proposed increase to its base rate. As a customer, I find it increasingly difficult to keep up with the rising costs of essentials, including electricity, especially when my income remains unchanged. Families are already struggling as the cost of everything has gone up significantly due to unchecked inflation. Housing and insurance policies have also increased, squeezing household budgets even tighter. You can only pinch a penny so much; at the end of the day, I can't make it more than what it is. While we all want more stability for the power grid and better storm response, it is crucial that we all live within our means, including TECO. This proposed rate increase places an additional financial burden on many households already facing economic hardship. Utility companies must consider the economic realities faced by their customers and seek alternative solutions that do not disproportionately impact their financial well-being. I urge the Commission to reconsider approving this rate hike and to find other ways to

address TECO's needs without further straining the budgets of struggling families. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Jesse Laing