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From: Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 2:35 PM
To: 'VICKI SHAFFER'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Keep Tampa Electric (TECO) Rates Down Docket# 20240026

Good afternoon Vicki Shaffer,

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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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 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.

I am a senior citizen and lived in Florida over 25 years and the rates for utilities are insane. I live on a fixed income and with the way insurances and taxes and utilities are going up - I am almost faced with selling my home because I can not afford these high rates. I should not be having to choose electricity or food in order to live in Florida.

Thank you for your careful consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

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