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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 8:52 AM

To: 'Donald Lesher'
Cc: Consumer Contact

Subject: RE: Keep Duke Rates Down Docket #20240025

Good Morning, Donald Lesher.

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20240025, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you!

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Lesher

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Subject: Keep Duke Rates Down Docket #20240025

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Dear PSC Member,

As a concerned Duke Energy customer [and AARP member in Florida], I am writing to express my opposition to Duke Energy'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 Duke Energy'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 retired Army veteran who moved to Florida because of the lack of state income tax. At this point, my utility bill is already taking a large portion of my retirement income. I have already had to cancel my homeowners insurance because of significant increases. If these rate increases are approved, I may be forced to move outside of Florida just to be able to survive.

Thank you for your careful consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

Donald Lesher 193 E. Pennsylvania Ave Lake Helen FL, 32744-3025