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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 4:19 PM
To: 'rchomick@verizon.net'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: TECO rate increase

Good Afternoon, Rohana Chomick.

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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Hi:

I hope it's not too late to put in my two cents worth of comments regarding TECO's desire to increase the base rate for residential customers.

I understand the need for infrastructure improvements and to build up more solar capacity. But why does it have to be on the backs of everyday people, people like me who live on social security and a part-time job? I know the shareholders' returns figure in there somewhere, but, to be honest, I don't care about them. I care about having affordable electricity. I'm not an energy hog; I live in a 638 square foot villa attached to a townhouse and I run my air conditioning only during the day when the sun is at its hottest, and I keep it at 82 or 83. I turn off the a/c at night (whether I can continue that in July and August remains to be seen). I rarely use the oven and I turn off lights in rooms I'm not using (just like my mother taught me).

I haven't had any issues with TECO like some people have experienced, but that doesn't mean I'm okay with my base rate jumping something like \$34 a month next year. So, please tell TECO **no** to such a large rate increase.

Thank you.

~ Rohana Chomick