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**From:** Nickalus Holmes on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 2, 2024 4:50 PM  
**To:** 'Jeffrey Fitzgerald'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Duke's Proposed Rate Hike - Docket #20240025

Good afternoon Mr. Fitzgerald

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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Dear PSC Member,

I find it appalling that Duke wants to increase their already profitable income (last year they had a gross profit of \$19.884B.. \$19.884B! Already an increase of almost 4% over 2022) and now they want to pillage and rape their customers even more for an additional 2% profit while customers like myself are already struggling so hard? I say hell no!

My income has never been more than \$70k a year, my retirement is literally none existent, and I am living paycheck to paycheck, just a heartbeat away from living on the street if I were to lose my job. Sure, my family being homeless may have zero affect on Duke, but I want you to know what part you will play in how it will affect a very large portion of Florida residents.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact of a rate increase on Florida residents, particularly those 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 (unless you do not consider homelessness a decrease in 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 for Duke that customers should not be forced to pay for. Now more than ever, it is crucial to ensure that essential services remain affordable and accessible to ALL Floridians, not just the wealthy.

Thank you for your careful consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

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