## **Charlie Smith**

**From:** Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 9, 2024 4:29 PM

To: 'Edward Kiekens'
Cc: Consumer Contact

Subject: RE: Keep Duke Rates Down Docket #20240025

Good morning Edward Kiekens,

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.

Best regards,

## Charlie Smith II

Office of Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850 850-413-6770

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Behalf Of Edward Kiekens

Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 2:34 PM

To: Records Clerk < CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
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.

Thank you for your careful consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

Edward Kiekens 11325 Jack Rabbit Ln Port Richey FL, 34668-2025