

Charlie Smith

From: Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2024 12:30 PM
To: 'Bethy'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Duke base rate hike - NO!

Good afternoon Beth Connor,

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
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850
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From: Bethy <bethyconnor@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2024 11:59 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Cc: Connor Beth <bethyconnor@gmail.com>
Subject: Duke base rate hike - NO!

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To: Public Service Service
Re: 20240025

The exorbitant rate hike request from Duke Energy, Florida should be out right rejected. Contrary to what your own hold music/message says, you can NOT lower your rate by conserving energy. In fact, anyone who has tried and scrimped and saved will be punished. If approved, you will be taking freedom from consumers trying to help themselves.

Duke Energy's gross profit for the 12 months ending March 31, 2024, was \$19.884 billion. A 6.91% increase year over year since 2021. One of their reasons for this rate hike request is "to allow for the company an opportunity to earn a fair rate of return on its investment." Please do not ignore what everyone can see. This monopoly is earning a more than a fair rate of return.

Their request is not small. These hikes could be just be the straw that broke the camel's back for thousands and thousands of struggling Floridians. Please protect us and me.

Sincerely,
Beth Connor

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