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Charlie Smith

From: Shonna McCray

Sent: Friday, July 19, 2024 8:26 AM **To:** Consumer Correspondence

Subject: Docket 20240025

Attachments: Reject Duke Energy Florida's Rate Hike; Reject Duke Energy Florida's Rate Hike

Please add to Docket 20240025.

Thanks

Charlie Smith

From: wldmitl@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mitzi DuBois

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Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2024 4:57 PM

To: Consumer Contact

Subject: Reject Duke Energy Florida's Rate Hike

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Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Duke Energy Florida's proposed rate hike and to urge you to prioritize affordable, clean energy for all Floridians.

Duke's request to increase rates by \$16 per month for the average customer is unacceptable. Floridians already pay some of the highest electricity rates in the nation, with annual bills nearly \$500 above the national average. We simply cannot afford another increase.

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As our state's utility regulators, you have the power to protect consumers and guide Florida towards a cleaner, more affordable energy future. Please prioritize the interests of Floridians over Duke's profits.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mitzi DuBois

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From: dale5400@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dale Stefan <dale5400

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