



Pat Kemp
County Commissioner
District 6, Countywide

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Florida Public Service Commission
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RE: TECO residential rates Docket No. 20240026

Dear Commissioners:

I am a Countywide Commissioner in Hillsborough County, Florida. Tampa Electric is the only electric utility serving Hillsborough residents. Therefore, this decision affects every one of my 1.5 million constituents.

Hillsborough residents have repeatedly contacted my office and appeared at public meetings seeking relief from increasingly and comparatively high residential electric rates, which are putting a great deal of financial pressure on families here. Some have raised concern that the price structure is unfair due to a methodology that focuses too much on electric usage associated with seasonal, weather-based demand created by residents as opposed to overall relative demand driven by large users of electric power.

As you consider this important matter today, I ask that the interests of Tampa Bay's families be at the forefront of your decision-making. It is critical that the return on equity sought by the utility be evaluated in terms of the impact that return has on the prices struggling families pay. Setting this return too high overprices the electricity families rely on.

In this time of exploding costs of living, we must take every step we can to be fair to our residents. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Kemp".

Pat Kemp
Commissioner, Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners
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