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**From:** Office of Chairman La Rosa  
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**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
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Good afternoon,

Please place the attached letter in CORRESPONDENCE – Consumers & Representatives in docket 20240000.

Thank you.

August 19, 2024



Mr. LaRosa,

In the event you are unaware of it, TECO Energy has a new Director of Purchasing and Stores. Prior to joining TECO, he had a non utility job in Texas. To obtain materials, he worked with a distributor, Border Sates Inc. in Fargo, ND.

Since joining TECO, he made the decision to work almost exclusively with Border State on approximately \$ 100 M of T and D materials. The Florida distributors who served TECO well for decades were fired. Until his decision, Border States had no Florida presence.

Many feel the Director is being "rewarded" by Border States for making this decision.

Employees in his department have resigned over this decision.

Border States is earning 18% profit on all supplied to TECO.

Please look into this.

Thanks,

A TECO customer