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To: 'Stephen Blakely'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket #20240026

Good afternoon Stephen Blakely,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20240026, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Best regards,

Charlie Smith II
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Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

To the Florida Public Service Commission:

We are representing the interests of those who have been severely impacted by the practices of Tampa Electric Company (TECO) in the Tampa Bay area and surrounding areas. Those who live in underserved frontline communities have suffered greatly at the hands of TECO's bad practices with energy burdens and environmental impacts. We are asking this Commission to preserve just and reasonable electric rates by taking the following actions:

- 1) Reject a large portion of the proposed April 2nd 2024 rate increase requested by TECO, including TECO's overly high requested return on equity (ROE);
- 2) Accelerate the retirement of TECO's last two expensive, outdated, and unhealthy coal plants (Big Bend Unit 4 and Polk Unit 1); and
- 3) Reject TECO's request to spend tens of millions of dollars on upgrades and experimental projects at the Polk Unit 1 plant, including the Polk Flexibility and Fuel Diversity projects.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comment.

Sincerely,

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