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**From:** Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 24, 2024 4:20 PM  
**To:** 'Nathalia Assaad'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Docket #20240026

Good afternoon Nathalia Assaad,

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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To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
Subject: Docket #20240026

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Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

I got a letter from TECO -that I keep as a screenshot to remind me of their greed- at the end of 2020, the worst time of the pandemic. The letter was to inform me that the rates would increase in January of 2021. As if that had not been bad enough, the following paragraph asked to donate to a fund to help my neighbors who were struggling and couldn't pay their electric bill. Do I need to say more? I actually will. 2 years later I checked their profit and loss status and they had record profits that year as they have had every year. They don't care about their customers, Tampa Bay's environment, or the health of the people near their toxic plants. They only care about the profit margin getting bigger for their shareholders and their CEO. They don't need more money from us.

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- 2) Accelerate the retirement of TECO's last two expensive, outdated, and unhealthy coal plants (Big Bend Unit 4 and Polk Unit 1); and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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