

From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Monday, December 22, 2025 3:11 PM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket Nos. 20240026 & 20240172
Attachments: Re: Consumer Inquiry - Tampa Electric Company

See attached customer correspondence for Docket Nos. 20240026 & 20240172

Tristan Davis

From: Pat Pettway 4908 Crockett Ct., Tampa, FL 33625 <goddess30@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, December 22, 2025 2:35 PM
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Is this supposed to make me feel better? my bill went from 124.00 to 164.00 to 182.00 to 219.00 in one year, this is with the monthly average billing. And now the rate is going up again in 2026?????

I am 72 and retired living on social security. I cannot keep paying these higher prices. I am not in a flood zone and I have not made any claims since I moved in to this house in 2007.
Make it make sense.

On Monday, December 22, 2025 at 09:03:26 AM EST, Ellen Plendl <eplendl@psc.state.fl.us> wrote:

Ms. Pat Pettway
goddess30@verizon.net

Dear Ms. Pettway:

The Governor's office forwarded a copy of your correspondence regarding Tampa Electric Company (TECO) to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC). The FPSC regulates investor-owned electric, and natural gas utilities throughout the state, and investor-owned water and wastewater utilities in those counties which have opted to transfer jurisdiction to the FPSC. The FPSC has authority in the telephone industry which is limited to the Lifeline Assistance Program, Florida Relay Service, and pay telephone service. We appreciate the opportunity to respond directly to you.

You expressed concern about TECO's recent rate increases.

On December 3, 2024, the Commission approved TECO's requested revenue increase of \$184.9 million, allowing TECO to continue its investments in grid reliability, renewable energy, and fleet modernization projects, helping to build a more resilient energy future for its service area.

The approved rates took effect the first billing cycle of January 2025. Based on the new lowered revenue requirement, TECO's average residential monthly customer bill at 1,000 kWh usage will be \$145.58, an increase of \$9.14 from the current bill. This residential customer bill example includes all costs to provide service, cost recovery clauses, fuel, and Gross Receipts Tax.

On February 4, 2025, the FPSC approved interim storm restoration recovery costs related to Hurricanes Idalia, Debby, Helene, and Milton for Tampa Electric Company. The Commission also approved the utility's request to replenish its storm reserve.

The approval of an interim storm restoration charge is preliminary in nature and is subject to refund, with interest, pending further Commission review once final audited costs are known. Final costs will be determined following a future Commission hearing. TECO's approved interim recovery is \$463.6 million and meets the parameters of its 2021 Settlement Agreement. TECO requested recovery of \$34.5 million for Idalia, \$4 million for Debby, \$52 million for Helene, and \$358.9 million for Milton. The recovery total includes replenishment of TECO's \$55.8 million storm reserve. The

monthly bill impact per 1,000 kWh for a TECO residential customer is \$19.95. The surcharge will appear on a customer's bill for 18 months, beginning in March 2025-August 2026.

On November 4, 2025, the FPSC approved TECO's 2026 Base Rate Adjustment, which reflects the annualized costs of projects placed into service in 2025 and provides cost recovery for the Polk Fuel Diversity project.

In TECO's 2024 base rate case, the Commission approved an adjustment to rates beginning January 1, 2025. It also approved an adjusted revenue requirement increase of \$87.7 million primarily for projects placed into service in 2025. TECO filed a petition on September 4, 2025, seeking authorization to implement the 2026 Subsequent Year Adjustment (SYA). The SYA represents an incremental increase to TECO's authorized base rates.

Beginning with the first billing cycle of January 2026, the residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month will see an increase of \$5.51, raising the typical monthly residential bill from \$97.47 to \$102.98.

We will add your comments as a protest to our records regarding Docket Nos. 20240026, 20240172, & 20250112.

You may review all the information filed for Commission consideration in Docket Nos. 20240026, 20240172 & 20250112 by accessing the FPSC website at floridapsc.com Under the Clerk's Office tab at the top of the page, click on Dockets. Type in the docket number 20240026, 20240172 or 20250112. Click the Search button. Then select Document Filings Index for a list of all filings in each docket. This procedure allows you to view all of the information filed by the utility and other parties in each docket.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 1-800-342-3552 or by fax at 1-800-511-0809.

Sincerely,

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