

**Tristan Davis**

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**From:** Ellen Plendl  
**Sent:** Friday, February 6, 2026 7:36 AM  
**To:** Consumer Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket No. 20240173  
**Attachments:** RE: Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida; RE: Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida; Re: Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida; Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida ; FW: Duke increase

See attached customer correspondence for Docket No. 20240173.

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**From:** Michael Healer <healermj@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 6, 2026 5:39 AM  
**To:** Ellen Plendl  
**Subject:** RE: Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

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Records show that Duke had roughly 5 billion dollars in net profit. And 1.1 billion in storm damage. That would give Duke 3.9 billion after paying for the damage themselves. Since Duke was not experiencing any financial hardship there was no reason for the commission grant the rate increase. If a rate increase is granted there should not be any salary increases or bonuses given to executives for mismanagement during the year of rate increase. This rate increase was borderline criminal in nature. The customer should not be Duke's contingency plan for not being prepared.

Sent from AOL on Android

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<EPlendl@PSC.STATE.FL.US> wrote:

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Regulatory Analyst IV

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**Sent:** Friday, January 23, 2026 10:45 AM  
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Please find attached email received by the Governor's Office of Citizen Services. This email is forwarded to your office for review and any response or action appropriate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Martha Lynn  
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**From:** Michael Healer <noreply@flgov.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 22, 2026 3:06 PM  
**To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com  
**Subject:** Duke increase

**Submitted**  
Thu, 01/22/2026 - 15:06

**Sender Information**  
Michael Healer  
[healermj@aol.com](mailto:healermj@aol.com)  
7275042356

**Subject**  
Duke increase

**Message**

I can't believe Duke energy was granted an increase in electric rates. Oil and natural gas prices have come down so it should be cheaper. There should be no pay raises or bonuses given to all the big shots for doing nothing. Please do what can to lower electric rates. Mike Healer USMC retired

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104.23.248.19

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