

Petition for increase in rates by

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#### CONSUMER COMMENTS

Please deny the rate increase and look at reducing the outrageous flat rate customer fee. No one in my extended family pays \$18 per month, much less \$48. I invested a lot of money to help reduce my energy consumption and now I'm being penalized because my bill will still be high no matter. You are rewarding energy hoarders. I installed new windows, high efficiency SEER HVAC, spray foam insulation, LED bulbs, energy star appliances. I do not get salary raises. Between home insurance increases, energy increases, food increases, there is no way to keep living in Florida if you don't stop this obvious gouging. S.C., N.C. & VA families pay \$5-\$8 customer charge... not \$18 and not \$48!

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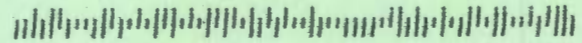
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