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**From:** Office of Commissioner Brown  
**Sent:** Monday, August 28, 2017 4:45 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** FW: Duke Energy

Good Afternoon,

Please place the email below in Docket Correspondence, Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket No. 20170001-El. Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: R. Jones [<mailto:rr.jones@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 2:38 PM  
To: Office of Commissioner Brown  
Subject: Duke Energy

Florida Public Utilities Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
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Dear Chairwoman Brown:

My wife and I have been conservatives who believe in our "Free Enterprise" system all of our adult lives. (We attended college back before "Socialism" came into vogue!) Unfortunately, as you well know, the Free Enterprise system doesn't work when it comes to "Public Utilities". Thus, it falls to the State's Public Utilities Commission to "ride herd" on the Utilities Management.

In a Free Enterprise system, private or public corporations are subject to their customer's decisions. Thus if a company's pricing gets out of line, that company will lose customers to a competitor and the owner or stockholders will change management's direction, or if it is a privately owned, that company will see its demise. Unfortunately, this principle doesn't work in the case of Public Utilities.

In the case of Duke Energy, it's about time stockholders held Management responsible for "stupid" decisions. As long as "Public Utilities Commissions" allow Duke to pass to customers the cost of their bad decisions, stockholders or a board of directors will have no incentive to replace Management.

PLEASE, please force Duke to hold the line on electricity prices, and then make Duke's board or stockholders make proper decisions.

Respectfully,

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Jones  
Duke Energy Customers  
Brooksville, Florida 3460