Review of Electric Utility Hurricane Preparedness and Restoration Actions Docket No : 20170215-EU Name : Gary Coslop Electric Utility Provider : El801 - Duke Energy Zip Code : 33759 Category : Other

Comments : Duke energy wants a rate hike, and I say HELL NO! First, they are already among the highest priced utility in the State. Second, we funded a nuclear power plant that never happened and didn't get our money back. Third, they cut the tree trimming budget by millions, yet they didn't cut our rates when they did that. Where did the money go? Profits? Fourth, we were without power for 6 days and 11 hours after Irma. Perhaps if they kept the tree budget, or if the properly upgraded their infrastructure when they were supposed to, we would have been okay. So, they didn't upgrade the infrastructure, they didn't trim trees, they saved a fortune for their own profits, then when disaster strikes they cry poor? They should NOT be given an increase, and they should be lectured about how to properly prepare for the future. Oh, and on top of this, they pay millions to lobbyists to prevent consumers from getting solar! I'm tired of their ultimate control. DENY their hike request!