

**Amanda Griffith**

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**From:** Janet Brunson  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 10:03 AM  
**To:** 'nightjasmine07@yahoo.com'  
**Cc:** Consumer Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket 20170272 - Duke Energy Florida

Dear Ms. Rosende:

Thank you for your recent inquiry to the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC). The PSC turned away a requested bill increase of \$5.20 per month for a typical Duke Energy Florida, LLC (DEF) residential customer, instead accepting a negotiated plan to use new federal tax benefits to prevent the increase.

As you noted , a bill surcharge originally was requested to pay an estimated \$513.2 million in restoration costs from Hurricanes Irma and Nate, which the company was authorized to seek approval to begin recovering March 1 under a 2017 rate case settlement negotiated by the Public Counsel, who represents the consumers, and other customer representatives. That same agreement also provided that customers would benefit from any tax savings DEF might realize from proposed federal tax reform.

After federal tax cuts passed in late 2017, Duke Energy reached an agreement with the customer representatives that prevents adding the storm charge to bills by applying the new tax savings earlier than required. The PSC chose that alternative, avoiding a bill increase on March 1.

Thank you again for your correspondence, and if you have additional questions or need further assistance, please call our toll-free number 1-800-342-3552.

Sincerely,

Bev DeMello  
Assistant Director

**From:** Jasmine [<mailto:nightjasmine07@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 06, 2018 12:46 PM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Rate increase

I am a Duke customer for electric and TECO customer for gas.  
Carolyn Rosende

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**From:** Jasmine [<mailto:nightjasmine07@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 02, 2018 7:50 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
**Subject:** Utility rate increase

No more increases...you are draing us dry. I have to go without heat and A/C except for the worst days and nights now.

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