

Amanda Griffith

From: Janet Brunson
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 10:05 AM
To: 'skeetercha01@aol.com'
Cc: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket 20170272 - Duke Energy Florida

Dear Ms. Brignolo:

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: Susan Brignolo [<mailto:skeetercha01@aol.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 10:11 AM
To: Diane Hood
Subject: Re: FW: Utility Increase

Duke Power and/or City of St. Petersburg....electric and water

From: Susan Brignolo [<mailto:skeetercha01@aol.com>]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 8:22 PM
To: Records Clerk
Subject: Utility Increase

Utility increase rates are not affordable to us seniors on a fixed income. This is making us choose between life saving medications and food or to have power. This is very wrong. Our struggle is real and not realized by the people who decide to just up the rates as they please.

Sincerely,

Sylvia james