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Dear Commissioners:

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DUKE POWER RATE INCREASE

In March 2020, Duke Power will raise its rates for electricity, citing Hurricane Dorian and Tropical Storm Nestor. Apparently these storms provoked combined costs of \$171,400,000.

Most of the costs were racked up presuming the storms would create damage to the utility system. From what I read, it seems damage was done in the far northeastern part of our state. Justified costs should be billed to the electric utility in the storm-ravaged part of the state. Is this not correct?

If you had not allowed the merger or takeover of Duke from Progress Energy, would we still be responsible for over \$171,000,000 in alleged expenses. Florida has a huge population of retirees, at least half of which exist on a limited pension. We cannot afford to absorb expenses caused in other parts of this state.

Your mandate is to see that we receive reliable, reasonably priced power for our needs. Do you audit the expenses submitted to you when power companies seek rate increases. If not, perhaps you should.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Reppin