

**Brian Schultz**

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**From:** Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2020 5:12 PM  
**To:** 'chuck backhus'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: TECO Proposed Rate Increase - Docket No. 20200051-GU

Good Afternoon, Chuck Backhus

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200051-GU and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

*Brian Schultz*

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**From:** chuck backhus <COMMISHCB@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2020 3:00 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
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**Subject:** TECO Proposed Rate Increase - Docket No. 20200051-GU

I know that TECO Peoples Gas has not had a rate increase for several years. Now TECO is requesting a 34.7% increase in their Customer Charge and a 35.3% increase in their Distribution Charge. I understand a rate increase, but these proposed increases are excessive. I guarantee you that TECO has been making money over this period of time and big bonuses have been paid to executives.

I have been retired for 11 years and my pensions are FIXED (no increase at all) and my Social Security has had very small increases (in fact 0 increase for 3 of those years). I wish I could request a huge increase in my pension and Social Security, but you and I know that that isn't about to happen.

Again, I'm not opposed to an increase, but TECO's proposed amounts are excessive. I also understand that you will rubber stamp these increases.

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