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**From:** Jacob Veauhn on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2020 9:20 AM  
**To:** 'Luzette Lightfoot'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: PSC Docket No. 20200051-GU

Good afternoon, Luzette Lightfoot

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

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From: Luzette Lightfoot <lulight@tampabay.rr.com>  
Sent: Sunday, October 11, 2020 5:14 PM  
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
Subject: PSC Docket No. 20200051-GU

Dear Sir or Madame:

I received the Notice of Customer Service Hearings regarding a request for rate increase by Tampa Electric Company's Peoples Gas. I would like to comment on this proposal and express my thoughts.

I am a Senior Citizen, Floridian by birth. My children were also born in Tampa. I just turned 76 and recently widowed. My home is in Tampa even though my children and their families live out of state. I worked most of my life, as did my husband so I am able to maintain our nice home; however, as I'm sure you are aware, my income has decreased with my husband's death last April. As I'm sure you are also very aware that the COVID pandemic began to rear it's ugly head around the time of his death. Like so many others, it was a terrible time and an especially difficult time for me and my family.

Peoples Gas say that they have not requested a base rate adjustment since 2008. They say that the investments in its system technologies and operations, infrastructure, cost of construction, customer expectations among other things has caused them to seek rate relief. I concur that in order to stay competitive they need to stay ahead of the game. However, I argue that 2020 is not the year to ask it's home consumers for as much as a \$5 per month increase in rates. They can argue that \$5 is a minimal amount, but that equates to \$60 a year. For a family with 2 children, whose parents lost their jobs or have been furloughed, \$60 can buy each child a pair of school shoes if they are frugal.

For a senior citizen like myself, \$5 a month could help pay for meds.

In addition, the base rate may not have been increased for 12 years, but those of us using gas to warm and cool our homes and to cook our food, the usage rates have continuously gone up. Peoples Gas has successfully continued operating and progressing for 12 years without a rate increase. They can certainly wait another year or two.

I submit to the Commission that 2020 has been a devastating year for most people and it is NOT the year to request a rate increase for early 2021. I ask the Commission to refuse this request for the reasons stated above and in order to give people an opportunity to return to some kind of financial stability.

I respectfully implore the Commission to consider the situation we are all living in. I look forward to receiving a response or acknowledgement of this email. My contact information is below.

Sincerely,

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