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From: Betty Leland
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 5:00 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket 20220001 Reject the New Electric Rate Hikes
Attachments: Docket No. 20220001-EI Reject the new electric rate hikes!; Docket No. 20220001-EI No new electric rate hikes!; Docket No. 20220001-EI Reject the new electric rate hikes!; Objection to Electricity Rate Increase -- Docket No. 20220001-EI

Good Afternoon:

Please place this email in Docket 20220001.

Thanks.

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From: [Lawrence Houghtalin](#)
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Subject: Docket No. 20220001-EI: Reject the new electric rate hikes!
Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 4:37:40 PM

Commissioner Art Graham,

Docket No. 20220001-EI

I am writing as a concerned Florida resident and a electricity customer. I received notification that FPL, Duke and Tampa Electric intend to increase rates for customers like me. I am urging you to reject these proposals and not increase our bills.

This past year has been extremely challenging financially for many people in the state of Florida. A rate increase is the last thing we need, especially for vulnerable folks who may be on a fixed income or struggling to recover financially from the pandemic. We are all inundated with price increases on everything.

I urge you to reject these rate increases at this time.

How many rate increases are you going to approve? When is enough enough? When will you stand up for your own mission of setting fair rates?

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Subject: Objection to Electricity Rate Increase -- Docket No. 20220001-EI
Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 4:02:56 PM

Hello,

I am a customer of Duke Energy Florida. I understand that the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) is considering a request by Duke Energy Florida to increase its rate for 2023 due to “volatile” fluctuations of natural gas prices.

Duke's electricity rate per KWH is currently 29% higher than FP&L (see below) and Duke is now asking for another 15% for 2023, the highest increase of the three monopoly power companies seeking a rate increase. Duke already charges more per KWH than the other two, large investor-owned electric utility companies in Florida (source: Sept. 2022 issue of Florida Trend Magazine):

Duke Energy - \$201.32/1,500 KWH
FP&L - \$156.81/1,500 KWH
Tampa Electric – \$175.17/1,500 KWH

Non-investor owned near me:
OUC - \$169.25/1,500 KWH
Kissimmee - \$173.59/1,500 KWH

The FPSC Commissioners need to be asking, "How can Duke Energy justify asking for even more money from their captive customers when they already charge the highest rate compared to all the other major electricity utilities in Florida?" Rather, the Commissioners should tell this public monopoly utility to look harder for cost savings and new efficiencies, and reduce their profit margin rather than asking for even more money from their captive customers.

I strongly urge the FPSC Commissionees to reject this rate increase request.

Best regards,

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Sent from my phone. Please excuse any typos.

From: [Michael Hall](#)
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Subject: Docket No. 20220001-EI: No new electric rate hikes!
Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 4:26:10 PM

Commissioner Art Graham,

Docket No. 20220001-EI

I am writing as a concerned Florida resident and a electricity customer. I received notification that FPL, Duke and Tampa Electric intend to increase rates for customers like me. I am urging you to rethink this decision and not increase our bills.

This past year has been extremely challenging financially for many people in the state of Florida. A rate increase is the last thing we need, especially for vulnerable folks who may be on a fixed income or struggling to recover financially from the pandemic. We are all inundated with price increases on everything.

I urge you to reject these outrageous rate increases at this time.

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Subject: Docket No. 20220001-EI: Reject the new electric rate hikes!
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Commissioner Art Graham,

Docket No. 20220001-EI

I am an electricity customer in Florida. I received notification that you will soon be considering proposals from FPL, Duke and Tampa Electric to increase my electricity rates next year.

This is outrageous. These companies have made windfall profits over the last few years, and yet each time they go crying to you, you have approved their rate increases. No amount is too high, apparently. When will you stand up for your own mission of setting fair rates for consumers in Florida?

Another electricity rate increase is the last thing we need, especially for vulnerable folks who may be on a fixed income or struggling to recover financially from the pandemic. We are all inundated with price increases on everything.

I urge you to reject these rate increases.

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